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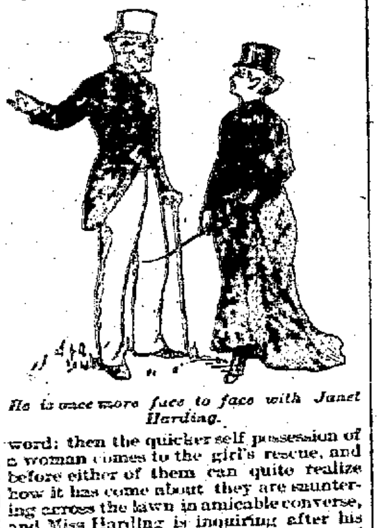
By HON. MRS. FETHERSTONHAUGH.

Perhaps the least anxious face in the whole race stand is that of Lord Francis Erldon himself, merely because, like all inveterate gamblers, he is sanguine to a fault, and the thought of defeat has no place at all in his mind. Accidents and other causes have removed every formidable rival from out of his colt's path, and Culloden has the race absolutely at his mercy. So Francis Erldon pauses on his way across the gravel lawn in front of his stand, and turns an attentive ear for a moment towards the iron rails of Tattersall's Ring with a well pleased smile, as the incessant roar of: "5 to 4, Culloden," tells him that his horse is steadier than ever in his position of popular favorite for the coming race.

As he resumes his way toward the entrance gate leading out of the inclosure a lady in a riding habit comes slowly up the steps, and in another moment he is once more face to face with Janet Harding. For an instant neither speaks a word: then the quicker self possession of a woman comes to the girl's rescue, and before either of them can quite realize how it has come about they are sauntering across the lawn in amicable converse, and Miss Harding is inquiring after his mother's health and the particulars of that lady's late illness in quite her own natural, clear, low voice, though secretly her heart beats nigh to suffocation.



He is once more face to face with Janet Harding.

They stand apart from the crowd for a minute or two talking quietly, then a sudden impulse comes over Francis Erldon (born may be of the constant shouts: "5 to 4 Culloden," which still continue like unto the roaring of the sea).

"Miss Harding," he says, quietly, though involuntarily he draws himself up and looks a shade taller as he speaks, "when last we met I stood before you under the disadvantage of being a thoroughly disappointed man, and, what was worse, a thoroughly misunderstood one. I only told you the truth when I said that before we met your great fortune alone was my attraction. I don't regret having said so, Janet, for somehow I couldn't tell you a lie, dear—though I foresaw what speaking the truth would cost me! But in one thing at least you were utterly wrong."

Janet Harding says no word. God knows how bitterly she, too, regrets not having given him a chance of righting that wrong ere it was too late!

"Now things have altered for me," goes on Lord Francis steadily, the wild shouts of his own horse's name ringing in his ears triumphantly as he speaks. "Today will see me a rich man once more, with all my difficulties solved and my debts paid, through the truest friend a man can have, and that is a good horse" (Janet winces involuntarily), "for only a miracle could prevent my winning this race, and that means my salvation! Therefore, I dare to tell you now, what I swore once to myself you should never know: that I love you as a man loves but one woman in a lifetime; perhaps you will believe me now, when you know that your fortune can be absolutely nothing to me an hour hence!"

The pale, quiet girl beside him stands motionless. It is his hour of triumph now, and she has no word to say. Only all the loyal love in her heart breaks forth in the fervently uttered words: "May you have all you hope for, now and always," and she turns away a small, sad, resolute face, that he may not see how suddenly white it has grown.

But Lord Francis Erldon is standing there like one transfixed, and a strange, numb feeling is creeping over him as if an unexpected blow had been dealt him straight between the eyes with sickening force, and yet that blow lies in words alone, for a great shout has gone up from the ring: "Four to one against Culloden!"

"What is it?" asks Janet, anxiously, as she notes the set, gray look on his face.

"Something wrong with the horse, I suppose," he answers, quietly, and no one could have told from his manner that that "something wrong" meant utter ruin to him.

With a courteous lift of the hat he turns and walks away towards the "Birdcage."

"What's up with my horse, Farley?" he asks of the first friend he sees. "I've been in the stand for the last few minutes and until I heard the change in the betting never knew anything was wrong."

"It will be all right yet, my dear fellow," said young Farley, reassuringly. "The fact is the horse has been showing such awful temper that he's a perfect mass of foam and lather now, and about as fit to run a race as if he'd been dragged through a horse pond. He's a perfect devil!" wound up his aggrieved backer in disgust.

"Is that all?" exclaims Lord Francis, in a tone of relief. "Why, the brute's got such a lot in hand it wouldn't matter if he had run the whole race already!" and he laughs gaily.

"I don't know," replies Ned Farley, dubiously. "Come and see for yourself. Barnes has taken him out of the 'Birdcage,' and is going to saddle him out there beyond the ropes, where it's quieter."

Together the two friends cross the course and approach the spot where the favorite is to be seen standing, surrounded still by an anxious crowd.

Truly, Culloden looked to be beside himself with fear and rage. He was trying to break away every instant from the two strong lads who were hanging on to him at each side, while it was all Barnes could do with a constant, anxious entreaty of: "Take care, gentlemen, mind his heels!" to save a bad accident, as the crowd pressed on the horse, and the latter lashed out viciously on every side. His reeking neck and flanks showed only too plainly how much the colt had already taken out of himself by his fractious irritability, and it was no wonder that even his strongest partisans muttered: "Any good selling plater might beat him now!"

But suddenly a change came over affairs. For some reason known only to himself, Culloden ceased all at once to knock about and fret, and became the quiet, sensible horse he could be when the devil had gone out of him. No longer did the crowd seem to affect him, nor were did his active heels make all [illegible] fly for their lives; the colt seemed suddenly to have become transformed.

"He's all right now, my lord!" exclaims old Barnes ecstatically. "The race is as good as won!"

"But how is it? Does he often change about like that?" asks Lord Francis in surprise. He had only arrived from France the night before, and knew little of the strange freaks of temper which his horse had lately developed.

"Yes, my lord. When once his fit of temper is over, a kinder horse doesn't live. And he'll run as honest as the day, too, that he will, I'll warrant him."

"We'll hope so," answers Francis Erldon, who, in spite of his critical position, feels rather like a man in a dream as he sees his horse move quietly away to where, a mile below, the far off shimmer of silk and satin jackets await the late comer.

And more than one man there, as he watches the favorite's magnificent action whilst cantering down leisurely to the post, rues mournfully the hot haste he has been in to veer round and lay against Culloden; but Francis Erldon is conscious of one thought alone—a dogged satisfaction that he "has had his say out whilst yet there was time, though he never once glances towards the corner where Janet is sitting.

The usual two or three false starts take place, then the white flag sweeps the ground, and they are off. Knowing how much the favorite has already taken out of himself, naturally more than one of his antagonists have received orders to "come along," and the race is run at a tremendous pace from end to end.

Then history repeats itself, as it will ever do till the world comes to an end! Because Culloden had beaten all competitors as a 2-year-old, no one credited that some of those disgraced rivals might improve sufficiently e'en to sorely vex him another year, but so it is. The colt does his best, for in justice to him it must be owned that, when once started no horse can run kinder or truer than Culloden—but the merits of two at least of his opponents have been sorely underrated. Creeping inch by inch nearer on his right hand may be seen the white blaze face of a plain but true shaped son of mighty Blair Athol; whilst close on his left hand, too close to be pleasant, steals along the beautiful daughter of Macaroni, who three weeks hence will be cheered to the echoes on Epsom Downs as she wins the Oaks in a canter.

Still Culloden seems going well within himself, and a dead silence comes over the Ring as the favorite appears to be breasting the hill like a lion, full of running. Another moment of breathless suspense—a murmur of doubt—and then a roar rings out from many thousand throats: "The favorite's in trouble!" "Culloden is beat!"

Vainly does Lord Francis Erldon's beautiful horse struggle gamely to the last, fighting out the contest inch by inch—do what he will he cannot shake off the powerful stride of the great chestnut colt on his right. Macaroni's flying daughter has challenged him, held her own for a few strides, and then retired; but the son of the mighty "pale-faced chestnut" is made of sterner stuff than she. Both horses seem for a moment locked together, then the white face of Blair Athol's son forges to the front; another desperate struggle, another stride, and the chestnut colt wins the "Two Thousand" by half a length.

Cheer upon cheer breaks forth from the ring, in noisy greeting of the winner; but the downfall of the favorite is received in sorest silence by the occupants of the Rowley Mile stand—scarcely a man in it but has lost on him heavily. Still, true to their instinct, the "swells" take their defeat calmly, and even gayly, but calmest of all is the handsome, high bred face of Lord Francis Erldon. And as Culloden's ill fated owner goes down to meet his beaten horse and speak a word of comfort to the crestfallen old trainer, more than one rough voice in the crowd exclaims: "He's a good plucked 'un, anyhow!"

"It was his temper did it!" almost sobs poor old Barnes. "He was beat before ever he ran the race, my lord!"

"Still, he made a good fight for it," replies Lord Francis quietly, and pats his horse kindly on the neck. Then he turns and walks away, a ruined man.

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Another week has passed by, the time is between 10 and 11 p. m., and Janet Harding stands beside her dressing table in the luxuriously furnished bedroom of a large house in Belgrave square, ready dressed for a ball, and occupied in a manner usual to even the most sensible young ladies under those circumstances, that is, looking at herself in the glass.

She had come up to town for this especial festivity, given by a relative of her own, in whose house she is now staying; and the feverish anxiety she has displayed with regard to her toilet on this occasion is so unusual that the said relative, an intelligent woman of the world, has drawn certain conclusions of her own therefrom, especially as Miss Harding has asked permission, frankly, to send a card of invitation to a friend of hers, and has openly stated, moreover, that the friend so honored is Lord Francis Erldon.

"But, my dear Janet," remonstrated Lady Maberley to her young cousin, "I suppose you know that Francis Erldon has come to utter grief at last? I hear he's absolutely ruined, my dear—must leave England, and all that sort of thing!"

"Yes, I know," replied Miss Harding, calmly. "That is just why I wish to see him, to bid him good-by."

Lady Maberley looks doubtful. Perhaps she knows by experience the fatal effects of "last adieux," and she cannot approve of a ruined "detrimental" hovering round her charming and wealthy young cousin, for whom she has already more than one brilliant match in view.

"Well, my dear, invite Lord Francis if you wish to do so," she says, at length. "Of course, I shall be delighted to see him; in fact, only this very afternoon Col. Pendennis was singing his praises loudly, and saying how honorably he had paid up every farthing he lost last week by that dreadful racing! 'Francis Erldon may have his faults,' I remember the colonel said, 'but I'm very sorry he's gone. We could better spare a better man.' So as he is going, Janet, by all means beg him to come to my ball, dear!"

And Miss Harding, with an unexplained feeling of remarkable kindliness towards the oracular Col. Pendennis, sits down at once and pens a note to Lord Francis Erldon, Turf Club, Piccadilly, in which she proffers him Lady Maberley's invitation, and then adds, on her own account, the single sentence: "Please let me speak to you before you leave England."

The answer to Miss Harding's epistle arrives on the very day of the ball itself, and is handed to her while assisting her cousin in distributing 5 o'clock tea to a large party of mutual friends and relations. Janet is a very self possessed young lady, so she takes her note and then continues her duties with the bread and butter, with a calm indifference worthy of Werter's famous Charlotte.

During an available moment she opens the letter, and peruses its somewhat laconic contents:

"DEAR MISS HARDING:

"Pray thank Lady Maberley for her kind invitation, which I am most happy to accept, especially as it offers the only possible chance of my being able to fulfill the further request mentioned in your note. I leave England to-morrow night. Always your sincerely,

"FRANCIS C. ERLDON."

This is why Janet Harding stands before the mirror, and anxiously consults that ever true and unflattering counselor, whether or no she "is looking well to-night?" Whatever crisis in life may be staring a woman in the face, she is no true woman if she does not derive consolation and fortitude from the thought that at least she is looking her best at the critical moment!

The mirror tells an unvarnished tale, but all the same it gives back a radiant picture. Miss Harding's dress is nothing extraordinary—merely a fresh white ball dress, fitting admirably; but the diamonds that hang on her neck and arms, and cluster in her red brown hair, these are indeed extraordinary, each glittering dewdrop worth a king's ransom.

Purposely has Janet selected the most magnificent jewels in her possession to wear to-night, though usually she is in no way given to displaying her far famed diamonds over much, holding it to be bad taste for an unmarried girl to bedeck herself too freely with precious stones.

But, for a certain reason of her own, carefully considered and well thought out, Janet Harding wishes all the world to-night to realize that she is no ignorant chit, of little value in the great game of life, but with a stake of considerable magnitude therein, which moreover she intends to play with a firm will and an uncontrolled hand.

And yet, now that she is ready dressed for the fray, now that the moment has come when she needs all her courage, the girl's heart sinks within her, and she murmurs irresolutely: "Dare I do it after all? Will he forgive the past, or will he not?"

Unconsciously she opens a book lying on the table before her, and glances down the pages in it at random. Almost as an answer to her thoughts she reads these words from the wisdom of the son of Sirach: "Though thou drawest a sword at a friend, yet despair not, for there may be a returning to favor. If thou hast opened thy mouth against a friend, fear not, for there may be a reconciliation; except, for upbraiding, or pride, or disclosing of secrets, or a treacherous wound, for, for these things every friend will depart."

"Pride! 'for pride, every friend will depart,'" repeats Janet to herself sadly. "Ay! but if that pride should humble itself, even to the dust, what then?" And Miss Harding closes the book and walks to the door with a firm step, the light of a clear resolution in her beautiful honest eyes.

The ball has already begun, for so long has Janet dawdled over her toilet that the first three dances are concluded by the time she makes her way through a crowd of silk and satin, lace and tulle, and arrives at the ball room door in safety.

The first person she encounters on its threshold is Mrs. Fairfax, not "looking her best," for several things have conspired to put that fair lady out of tune to-night, and the sight of another woman's diamonds is always as a red rag to a bull in her case.

"I am so surprised to see Francis Erldon here to-night," she observes spitefully, after the usual formalities of greeting have taken place.

"Yes?" replies Miss Harding, and her calmly courteous tone has an exasperating effect on the fair Laura.

"Perhaps you don't know that he's a ruined man! It would show that he felt his position more if he did not waste his last few hours in England dancing the trois-temps, I think!" observes Mrs. Fairfax with a virtuous sniff.

"Is that all the sympathy you have to spare for one whom you once called 'friend!'" asks Janet coldly and contemptuously.

Mrs. Fairfax's eyes fall before the indignant glance in those clear gray ones confronting her, then she laughs nervously and says with meaning:

"Perhaps I am not the only friend that has failed Lord Francis Erldon ere now!"

The stab goes home, as it was meant to do. Of a truth, had the great heiress said him "yea" instead of "nay," how different all might now have been! As Mrs. Fairfax passes on her way, Janet still stands in the same place, musing deeply—and starts when a well known voice says quietly:

"May I have this valse, Miss Harding, if you are not engaged? It's called the 'Fahrwohl,' so is singularly appropriate to the occasion," and Lord Francis Erldon laughs pleasantly at his own bitter jest.

Janet bows her head in acquiescence but makes no reply.

After only one turn, feeling that her courage is rapidly dwindling, Miss Harding says desperately:

"I don't want to dance, Lord Francis. Please may we go and sit down?"

"By all means. I don't feel much in a dancing humor, either! And you wanted to speak to me, did you not, Miss Harding?"

"Not here," says Janet, hurriedly. "Across the staircase is my cousin's boudoir; that room is fairly quiet at least."

"Very well, you must guide me, for I don't know the intricacies of this mansion."

Francis Erldon spoke as lightly as if no dark shadow were hanging over his life. Without a word they take their seats on Lady Maberley's own sofa.

From across the corridor the music of the band steals softly into the room.

As one of the most charming writers of the day has said: "There is an indescribable underlying pathos in dance music—everybody knows it; a heartache behind all the laughter, a weariness below all the rapid movement—a question, a doubt, a misgiving under all the radiance and joy."

Perhaps it was this feeling which caused a long unbroken silence to fall upon the pair now listening to the music's far off strains; but at last Francis Erldon turns towards his companion and says quietly:

"What was it you had to say to me, Janet? Forgive me for calling you by that name, but probably it is the last time on earth I shall ever so err, for it will be a long time ere I see old England again, and who knows what those years may bring forth?"

Miss Harding either will not or cannot answer. Her face is turned away, and he cannot see the unshed tears in her sad, gray eyes, nor can he note the piteous conflict of feeling visible on her face.

"I know you have little faith in me, Janet, but even now, when it has come to the last words between us, I do not regret that I told you the truth all through."

His companion makes a desperate effort to reply, but an inarticulate murmur is the only result—the words will not come!

"You were so true and honest yourself, dear, that some power stronger than my own constrained me to be the same, somehow, and I never thought you would not believe me! That hurt worst of all, I think."

A sudden and uncontrollable sob from Janet falls like a thunder clap on his ears.

"My dear child, for God's sake don't cry!" he exclaims anxiously. "It was no fault of yours, dear, and I'm ten times happier now that at least we part friends. We do do that, I think, don't we. Tell me—what was it you wished to say to me, Janet?"

There is an instant's silence, during which a proud woman's soul is fighting out a desperate fight—then Janet Harding's voice rings out clear and true:

"Will you marry me, Lord Francis, now?"

Petrified astonishment causes Francis Erldon to keep silence for quite half a minute. Can she mean it? Is it possible that she would marry him now, when absolute ruin is his portion? If she doubted his honesty of purpose before, how much more might she not doubt it now? No, it could be nothing but a girl's sentimental sympathy for a man to whom fate has dealt a hard blow.

"My dear," he says gravely and quietly, but the tremor in his voice shows how deeply he is moved, "I shall respect and honor you to my dying day for your brave, true womanliness, for I can realize what it cost you to say those words. But, my darling, I love you too well to accept what you offer me, for I know that it is prompted by sweet compassion alone, and I will not take that! My own, forgive me—though I feel as reckless as only a ruined man can feel, I have not sunk so low as to be a suitor for your charity, sweet and kindly though it be."

"But, Lord Francis, it is not charity, or compassion either." Here Miss Harding's cheeks blushed for her, but she goes on bravely: "It was all a mistake. Don't you see that it was not I who did not—not—'care' for you? It was you that I believed did not care for me!" The low voice trembles enough, but the clear, true eyes look him so frankly and confidingly in the face that Francis Earldon cannot choose but believe her.

"My darling!" is all he says, but his voice has so changed its tone that Miss Harding finds courage to lay one small hand on the arm nearest her, and to observe pathetically:

"You're not going to refuse me, Lord Francis, are you?"

Half an hour passes by with a rapidity unprecedented in both their lives—then a tardy sense of duty recalls them once more to the ballroom.

"You're making a very bad match, Janet," observes Francis Erldon sadly, looking at the radiant, diamond crowned vision standing before him. "So far as worldly possessions go, I'm not even worth as much as one of those magnificent diamond stars in your pretty hair. And as regards myself"——

"You are worth all the world to me," is the quiet, confident response of the woman who has chosen him, and him alone, from out all others on the face of this earth.

At the entrance to the ballroom they have to stand aside a minute, to make way for a party who are just leaving it; among the latter is Mrs. Fairfax.

"Good-by, Lord Francis," she gushes forth sweetly. "So sorry we shall not meet again. May I wish you better luck in another hemisphere—in every way?" she adds spitefully.

"It would scarcely prove better luck than has come to me in this one, Mrs. Fairfax!" laughs Francis Erldon gayly.

Something in his voice arouses the fair Laura's interested curiosity, and she looks attentively at the pair before her, scrutinizing their faces with a keen and searching look.

What she reads there scarcely seems to please her. Her thin lips grow strangely compressed, and her eyes take a look as cold and hard as a nether mill stone, but for all remark, she turns to the feeble young man who is escorting her, and in a voice, the suppressed fury of which makes him shake in his dancing shoes, says:

"Is that carriage never coming, Mr. Cony?"

"Now we'll finish our valse, Janet!" observes her future husband jestingly. "They've changed the tune since we were last here, but I consider this one even more appropriate still."

"I know it well enough, but can't remember the name!"

"'Mia Cara,'" whispers Lord Francis in her ear, with unmistakable earnestness of explanation.

"Oh! Francis," the name comes forth with a shy grace, "there's one more favor I have to ask of you, a very great one."

"Greater even than the last?" inquires Lord Francis, mischievously.

"May I—may we," the last pronoun is accompanied by a vivid, happy blush, "buy back Culloden from old Barnes? may we?"

"Of course. You shall have him for a park hack if you fancy it, child. But, Janet, seriously speaking, my gambling days are over once for all. I did not care what became of myself, but now life is going to be a different thing altogether!"

"I am very glad" answers Janet Harding in her clear, truthful tones.

"All the same, the horse shall come back to us, dear one, and have a good time for ever and aye—for perhaps we ourselves even do not know how powerful an arbiter of our destiny was that ill fated Culloden!"

THE END.

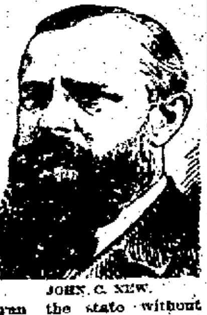
COL. JOHN C. NEW.

Successful Career of the New Consul General to London.

Col. John Chalfant New, of The Indianapolis Journal, has secured what is probably, all things considered, the most profitable foreign appointment under the Harrison administration; for the consul general at London receives at least $12,000 a year and is not burdened with the duty of entertaining, while he enjoys an honor only second to that of the minister.

Mr. New was born in Jennings county, Ind., July 6, 1831, his father being a preacher of the denomination which styles itself "Christian" or Disciples, but who are sometimes called "Campbellites." The boy showed at a very early age that he did not purpose to get left in the general scramble for the good things of this life, and after graduating from Bethany college, Va., in 1853 and studying law for a short time, he secured a place as deputy in the Marion county clerk's office at Indianapolis. Benjamin Harrison had barely got a start as a young lawyer there, and the currents of their two lives have run in curiously close parallels ever since.

His principal, the county clerk, died in office and Mr. New was appointed to the place. He made the office pay, and was able to form a banking partnership with the Hon. Wm. H. English. They got possession of the First National bank of Indianapolis at the most favorable moment—when United States bonds were very low—managed it with wonderful skill, ran the stock up to 160 and sold out at an enormous profit. This was the once noted bank which cut such a figure when Mr. English was a candidate for vice president in 1880, and furnished the "Greenbackers" with so many points for attack on the bloated bondholders. It was alleged that the investors "doubled their money" within two years, the rapid rise in the value of bonds being contemporary with an era of great speculation and high rates of interest.



JOHN C. NEW.

The title of colonel was gained by Mr. New as a quartermaster in the Union army, which place he quit to take a seat in the state senate to which he had been elected. He served as financial secretary to Governor Oliver P. Morton during that peculiar interregnum of 1863-64, when the "war governor" ran the state without the assistance of a legislature and borrowed money on his own responsibility. After the close of this period and his banking experience Col. New and his son, H. S. New, bought The Indianapolis Journal, which they have raised to the position of a leading paper of the west. The paper had "wabbled" badly during the times when "soft money" was so popular in the west; but when Col. New got his bearings he became one of the clearest and most influential writers on finance in the country. It has long been understood that the financial articles in The Journal were all written by him or in accordance with his specific instructions.

He was as fortunate in choosing his time to buy The Journal as in his bank investment; for the "boom" of 1879-81 followed soon after he took charge. In 1874—a year the Republicans of Indiana still look back upon as their worst—Col. New became nationally prominent in politics, and has since done effective work as a member of the national committee. In 1880 and 1884 he was chairman of the Republican state committee, and was first assistant secretary of the United States treasury from 1882 till his resignation to take the lead in the campaign of 1884.

Personally Col. New is of medium height and rather thick set, with a large head and chest, clear complexion, and brown hair and beard. His whole appearance denotes tireless energy, and in a political fight he is a tough antagonist. Even in his own party he is a "bad man to buck against," as the Hoosiers say, and his very positive character has at various times brought him into conflict with many prominent Republicans. His son and partner, "Harry," as he is affectionately called, unites the qualities of reporter, business man and "jolly good fellow" to a remarkable degree. He takes life rather less seriously than his father, and is a decided disbeliever in the theory that "man was made to mourn." Indeed, he exemplifies his faith that man was made to be extremely jolly—after business hours. "The best fellow in Indiana to spend an evening with," is the verdict of all his friends; "all kinds of comedy are as natural to him as to the originals—Dutch, Irish, negro characters, he can 'do' them all." Such is the unanimous testimony of all the young fellows who are privileged to know Harry New.

The New Way of Wearing.

The new cellular clothing now coming into use in England is said to be a success. It is woven out of the same materials as the common weaves of cloth, and being simply, as its name indicates, closely woven into cells, the network of which is covered over with a thin fluff. Its porous quality allows the slow passing of the outside and inside air, giving time for the outside air to become of the same temperature as the body, obviating all danger of catching colds and allowing vapors constantly exhaled by the body to pass off, thus contributing toward health and cleanliness. The very common objection to cotton clothing—that it is so productive of chills and colds—is removed if woven in this manner, and the invention can certainly be said to be strictly in accordance with hygienic and scientific principles.—Frank Leslie's Newspaper.

His First Day at School.

Father—There, Willie, is the old historic birch rod, nailed over the teacher's desk, which tanned my hide twenty years ago.

Willie (uneasily)—Are you sure it is nailed perfectly tight, papa?—Burlington Free Press.

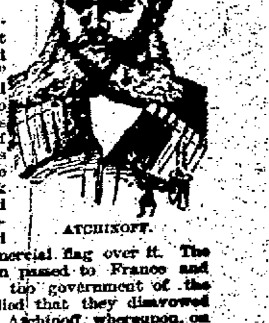
ATCHINOFF DRIVEN OFF.

RUSSIA TAKES IT COOLLY, BUT FRANCE HAS AN EXPLOSION.

Queer Complications—The Cossack Hetman Atchinoff Starts a Colony in Abyssinia—The French Drive Him Away—Interlock of Politics, Religion and Race.

The French have lately had a little by play in their politics and diplomacy which startled them so much as to make them actually ignore Boulanger for a week, involved them in a delicate negotiation with Russia, and led to a disgraceful scene in the Corps Legislatif and the suppression of a political order called the Ligue des Patriotes. The open facts seem simple enough, but there is a good deal of intrigue behind them.

Hetman Atchinoff, of the free Cossacks of the Volga region, some years ago made a sort of pilgrimage to the head of the Church of Abyssinia, and that official having received permission from the Coptic Patriarch of Alexandria, entered into an agreement with Atchinoff that the latter should establish a colony or colonies of his free Cossacks, said colonies to be religious in character, but strong enough to protect themselves against the supporters of the mahdi. Pursuant to this agreement Atchinoff returned during the winter with 105 persons, among whom were a few women and children, and took a commanding position on the Bay of Tadjovirah, near the port of Obock, which has been in the possession of France since 1862.



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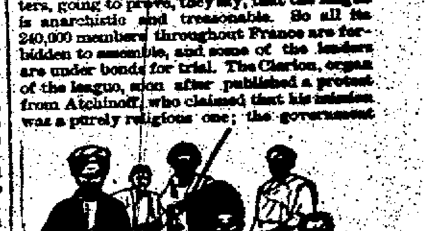
The French governor of Obock at once "demanded his intentions." Atchinoff replied that he came to found a religious colony, chiefly of monks and pious women; but at the same time he took possession of an old fort, made it defensible and raised the Russian commercial flag over it. The word having been passed to France and thence to Russia, the government of the latter briefly replied that they disavowed responsibility for Atchinoff, whereupon, on the 17th of February, the French admiral Orly bombarded the Atchinoff fort, killing one man, two women and three children. Atchinoff surrendered, of course, and his people were removed in French vessels. Here was an "incident," indeed—one of international importance.

The Russian government took the matter very coolly, but the opposition in France found it "too good a thing" to ignore, and the "Patriotic league" opened a furious war on the ministry, charging them with high crimes and foreign complications. Now there is a clause in the penal code of France, which runs as follows:

"Article 84. Whoever shall, by hostile acts not specifically approved by the government, expose the state to a declaration of war shall be punished by banishment; and if war shall actually result the guilty shall be transported."

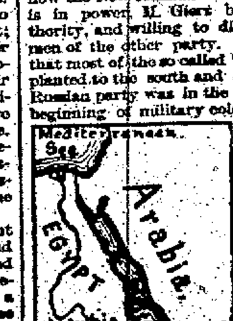
This "alien and sedition law" was violated, said the council of ministers, and so a decree went forth to seize all the papers of the Ligue des Patriotes and arrest the officials. The magistrates made a descent on the league's headquarters and spent six hours breaking open and rummaging, in which they captured a great mass of documents and letters, going to prove, they say, that the league is anarchistic and treasonable. So all its 240,000 members throughout France are forbidden to assemble, and some of the leaders are under bonds for trial. The Clarion, organ of the league, soon after published a protest from Atchinoff, who claimed that his mission was a purely religious one; the government responded by giving extracts from the papers seized, proving, as alleged, that there was a grand plot for an uprising of the discontented and an attack on the legislative hall and the residence of the president. This brought on the usual "scene" in the chamber. M. Laguerre, of the league, attacked Minister of the Interior Constans, denouncing him as a liar, an embezzler and a slanderer, with other epithets of a semi-congressional nature.



SULTAN OF TADJOVIRAH.

The dispatches add, somewhat superfluously, that there was "a tumult in the chamber." The government continues its arrests of members of the league and search of their houses and seizure of their papers; and its latest performance has been to warn certain wealthy foreigners residing in Paris that they must not contribute money to help Boulanger—if they do they will be subject to "deportation." All this curiously illustrates the uncertainty of everything in Europe, and "on what a slender thread hang" the issues of war and peace.

The Russian side of the matter is still more curious. This Atchinoff, hetman of the free Cossacks, belongs to the National or Old Russian party, of which Skobeleff and Editor Katkoff were such fiery partisans; but just now the New Russian or Germanizing party is in power, M. Giers being in chief authority, and willing to discredit the active men of the other party. It now transpires that most of the so called "religious" colonies planted to the south and east, while the Old Russian party was in the lead, are really the beginning of military colonies; the convents on Mount Athos in Macedonia and in other places turn out to be strongly fortified places; the pretense was to affect the unity of eastern Christians with the Orthodox Greek church of Russia, but the monks are capable of being soldiers on occasion. The religious Russians are excited to labor for the unity of the church; the political are quite willing to see that unity, if Russia is at the head of it. And their policy appears to be to let enthusiasts like this Atchinoff go on trial; if they succeed, the government can follow; if they fail, the government disavows responsibility.



MAP OF THE SEAT OF TROUBLE.

The faith of the Coptic Christians of Abyssinia is very nearly that of the Orthodox church in Russia, and a union would seem quite practicable; so the Negus of that country was quite pleased at the prospect of having, as he phrased it, "a band of his hardy co-religionists of the free Cossacks to aid him against the Mahdists, and if necessary against the Italians." It is pretty plain, therefore, that the French authorities judged correctly as to the real nature of Atchinoff's colony, and when they found that the Negus had granted him a large tract of plateau land where his fortified convent would completely command their route into the interior, they objected very successfully. The so called Amhara Christians of Abyssinia recognize the Coptic Patriarch of Egypt as their spiritual boss, and he sends them an abouna, or legate as local ruler. He costs them only $6,000 a year, and it is said that he confers ordination by spitting on the candidate; the episcopal virtue in that country being apparently regarded as something in the nature of hydrophobia. The Coptic Christians draw, circumcise their children and prepare their food like the Jews; have many set prayers a day like the Mohammedans, and drink whisky like other "Christians." The gospel was carried to them in the Fourth century by Frumentius, and in the Sixth century they separated from Rome and Constantinople on certain questions, as to the union of two natures in Christ. But there is so little difference between them and Russian Christians that Atchinoff's alleged scheme was plausible.

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JOHN BRIGHT, the great English Commoner, died at his home in London on Wednesday of this week at 8:30 o'clock a. m., aged 78 years.

THE Harrisburg *Patriot* says that "A. P. Huey, against whom Judge Simonton gave an opinion as Recorder of the city of Bradford, McKean county, has filed exceptions and will carry the matter to the Supreme Court."

JUSTICE STANLEY MATTHEWS, one of the ablest Judges of the United States Supreme Court, died at his residence in Washington on Friday morning last, a little after 10 o'clock, aged 65 years. The immediate cause of his death was exhaustion of the heart and congestion of the kidneys.

OUR Harrisburg correspondent says that the "files are full of important bills." If he had said "unimportant" he would have been nearer right. The amount of trash on the files of the two houses is forcibly shown in another place in our correspondent's letter, where he says that out of 22 bills reported by the Judiciary General Committee on Thursday last 17 were negatived.

CHIEF JUSTICE FULLER and Sir Charles Russell, the great English lawyer, ought to form a "Daughter Trust" together. The Chief Justice has eight, at least he had until one eloped last week, and Sir Charles Russell has thirteen pretty daughters, none of whom are yet missing. It takes three pews to hold them when the family attends church, and the valiant Sir Charles sits in the rear pew and keeps a sharp lookout that none of the family escape before the service is over.—*Philadelphia Times.*

THERE is a tremendous rush to the new gold diggings in southern California. A recent dispatch from Los Angeles says: "An average of 600 men a day are leaving for the new gold fields in Lower California, forty miles west of Ensenada, and even the waiters at the hotels and restaurants here have departed to try their luck. The best indication regarding the value of the mines is that no one has returned except to replenish "grub stakes." Late intelligence, however, shows the "gold diggins" to be a fraud.

ON Wednesday of this week President Harrison appointed

Robert Lincoln, of Illinois, as Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of St. James,

Murat Halsted, of Ohio, Minister to Germany,

Allen Thorndyke Rice, of New York, Minister to Russia,

Geo. B. Loring of Massachusetts, Minister to Portugal,

Patrick Egan, of Nebraska, Minister to China, and

Thos. Ryan, of Kansas, to be Minister to Mexico.

All first-class.

THE democratic correspondents in Washington, failing to discover anything to criticize in the actions of the new administration up to the present time, have resorted to downright lying in order to interest their readers. One individual with a somewhat active and vivid imagination, sent off a long story purporting to give the full particulars of how the President was trying to force Wanamaker out of the cabinet; even going to the extent of giving what was claimed to be a copy of a telegram from First Assistant Postmaster General Clarkson to Mr. Joseph Medill, editor Chicago *Tribune*, telling him that the President wanted to get rid of Wanamaker and that he (Clarkson) was to run the Department. This lie had a very short life. It was promptly crushed by Postmaster General Wanamaker, First Assistant Clarkson, and Mr. Medill.

JAMES TANNER of Brooklyn, N. Y., better known as "Corporal Tanner," has been appointed and confirmed as Commissioner of Pensions. Many of the readers of the MINER will recollect this gentleman's speech at the Bradford Rink last fall on the occasion of the re-union of the Northwestern Association, G. A. R. He followed Gov. Beaver, and the scorching he gave Grover Cleveland for his pension vetoing policy produced a profound impression and delighted the old veterans immensely. The veterans of McKean county would have been much pleased with the appointment of their comrade, Col. W. W. Brown of Post 141, but next to him the appointment of no man will please them more than that of Corporal Tanner, who lost both legs fighting for his country. When asked in Washington the other day what his policy in regard to pensions would be, he said: "I can best answer that by quoting one of Gen. Harrison's remarks made during the last campaign. He said: 'Gentlemen, it is no time to use the apothecary's scales when you come to weigh the services of the men who saved this nation.' It seems to me that is a pretty good motto for all the people of the United States to adopt. If I were asked to define my ideas on this pension question in a sentence I should unhesitatingly reply, 'A pension for every surviving soldier who needs one, and no soldier's widow, father or mother should be in want.'"

A hitherto unpublished fragment by Sir Walter Scott will appear in the April number of *Harper's Magazine*. It is the beginning of his "Reliquiæ Trottcosianæ, or Catalogue of the Gabions of the late Jonathan Oldbuck," planned by him in his happier days, but deferred and finally left incomplete on account of the press of graver work. It describes the interior of Sir Walter's house and some of the curiosities it contains. Lady Maxwell Scott, in a brief introduction, says that it is a pleasure to aid in publishing these papers, "because they illustrate so happily Sir Walter's favorite [illegible] and pursuits." Six illustrations of Abbotsford will accompany this fragment.

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

[From our own correspondent.]

HARRISBURG, March 27.—The House resolution fixing the date for the final adjournment of the Legislature on the 25th, has had the effect of hastening up the lower branch in its work, and daily exhibitions are now given to the State at large of the faithful legislators really doing what they were sent here for. The last new bill, without unanimous consent of the House, was presented on Friday last in the lower branch, and on Friday next is the date set for the last new bill in the Senate. Had new legislation been stopped three weeks ago, there would still be left on the files, enough work to have kept both branches fully occupied six hours for each of the six days of the week, until January next. As it is, most of the time is now consumed in the consideration of the appropriation bills, very few of which have reached the Senate. When the House adjournment resolution first reached the Senate, it looked as if there was going to be a regular "Kilkenny" time over it, because Senator Reyburn, Chairman of the Senate Appropriation Committee, saw the utter impracticability of adjourning on the date set and at once declared his belief that it would be unwise to fix so early a date and subject the important legislation on the files to the hasty consideration such date would necessarily compel. It was not pleasing to some, who advocated the early adjournment, but Senator Reyburn carried his point and the House resolution was referred. Since then there has been a constant effort to again get the resolution before the Senate, but it has failed. It is now said that a compromise date has been agreed upon by which the Legislature will adjourn within a week of the date fixed by the resolution as it came from the House. The effect of so many adjournments during the early days of the session are now plainly seen, and the members find that when they want to get away the files are full of important bills, which must be hastily considered or left on the files unfinished. The appropriation bills are being returned to the House from committee as fast as it is possible to consider them, and the House having fixed calendars at stated sessions for the sole consideration of these bills, it is possible to get business (that is the absolute important business) in such shape that final adjournment can take place about the fifth of May.

For the past several weeks, the Philadelphia *Record*, (Singerly's paper) has had its accountants at work on State finances and thoroughly convinced that there has been great rascality practiced with the State funds, determined to lay bare the stealings and dishonesty of the wicked Republican officials. The accountants of the *Record* worked hard day and night and struggled with columns of figures a yard long, and eventually gave out that the bomb was to be exploded in the Legislature. Great secrecy was observed as to the precise nature of the bomb, but it was intended to make wicked Republicans quake. It came Friday last, and Wherry of Cumberland county threw it. Prior to the opening of the session, a neatly printed pamphlet of about ten pages was laid on each member's desk, showing in a concise and easily understood (so thought) form the great rascality that was being perpetrated by the custodians of State funds. Everybody received one, but few were read, and the Democrats eagerly watched the faces of the wicked Republicans to catch any effect the pamphlet might have. It had none.

Mr. Wherry, at the proper time, presented a joint resolution authorizing the investment of the Treasury surplus in the sinking fund in United States 4 per cent bonds.

The Speaker promptly referred the resolution to the Ways and Means committee.

Wherry then offered a second resolution, that the Sinking Fund Commissioners be directed to report to the Legislature within ten days the amount of cash balance in the sinking fund on March 1st, 1889, together with a statement of where such surplus is deposited, and a list of banks and banking institutions where such funds are deposited, with the amount deposited in each bank. He was prepared to show up the bad, bad Republican officials, but as resolutions asking information of any of the State departments must lay over under the rules, it was so ordered by the Speaker.

The bomb was a boomerang and in its rebound struck Wherry and his political associates dumb and the laugh was turned on the *Record*, whose representatives had announced that the Treasury department of the State was to be turned inside out and its sins laid open to the public eye. It fell flat. The Harrisburg Evening *Telegraph* in commenting on the proceeding, says: "It had been announced for several days that a circular containing awful revelations would be thrown like a dynamite bomb into the Legislature, and it was expected that it would explode with terrific force and create a panic. Instead of this, however, it didn't have the force or noise of a squib. It fell flat and was mercilessly guyed by those who read it as the figment of a diseased imagination, or of an already crazed mind developing into the idiotic stages of dementia. Its failure was a sad blow to the hopes of its progenitors. Instead of being full grown it was a weakling, and no wonder it was laughed at."

Had the resolutions originated from some other direction than the Philadelphia *Record*, respectful hearing might have been accorded, but the *Record*—well, that was the death of the whole affair. The laugh is all on the Republican side now.

To hurry along the adjournment the committees of the House are doing good work. As an instance, the Judiciary general committee on Thursday reported twenty-two bills, seventeen of which were with an adverse report. Among the number were the reform measures against the naughty corporations, most of which bills were of Democratic origin, the Luzerne reformer Hines coming in for his share of negatived bills. The County Commissioners' bill for the equalization of taxes encountered a perfect gale of oratory, on second reading in the House, and landed safely in harbor on the calendar of bills for third reading. It was amended by Mr. Stockey, of Washington county, so as to exempt sheep and swine under two years old, farmers and mechanics' tools of less than $100 valuation, from taxation. Mr. Burdick, of McKean county, was one of the champions of the bill, and closely watched the interests of his constituency. It will come up for final passage this week.

Senator Packer's bill was considered in the Senate last week. It is the bill which proposes to aid the volunteer fire departments of the State by requiring foreign fire insurance companies to contribute to a fund for this purpose, to city and borough treasuries. When first presented it taxed such fire insurance companies three per cent of premiums for business done in the State. As it has been amended and will be sent to the House for concurrence, it requires only one per cent of premiums and confines the operations of the bill to cities of the third class and boroughs. A delegation from the Volunteer Firemen's Association of the State, headed by Mr. Bert. McCallister, of Bradford city, the president of the association, was present to help the bill along.

Appearances indicate that the greater part of the remaining days of the present session will be devoted to appropriation bills and such measures now on the files as are of general importance.

ALCROFT.

STATEMENT,

Showing the Amount of Assessed Valuation of Property in McKean County, as returned by the Assessors of the several Townships, Wards and Boroughs, subject to State and County Tax, for the year 1889, with the Taxes Against Same.

TOWNSHIPS, WARDS AND BOROUGHS.	Valuation of trades and occupations	Valuation of seated Real Estate taxable	Valuation of Unseated real Estate taxable	Number and value of horses, mares, geldings and mules over the age of 4 years		Number and value of Cows and neat Cattle over the age of 4 years		Aggregate amount of all real and personal property taxable for County purposes	Aggregate amount of money at interest (including bonds, stocks, &c.) assessed at the rate of 3 mills on the dollar	Aggregate amount of state Tax Assessed	Number of Dogs and Bitches returned		Total dog tax levied
				No.	Value	No.	Value				Dogs.	Bitches.	
Annin Township	$ 2,575	$ 70,008	$46,223	235	3,152	323	3,340	$123,770	$ 9,408	$ 28 22	100	3	$ 115 00
Bradford Township	23,165	270,634	74,023	274	6,170	429	4,320	507,202	22,461	67 39	108	6	138 00
Bradford City—1st Ward	29,015	714,011		124	3,750			785,426	67,649	202 95	27		27 00
" " 2d Ward													
" " 3d Ward	23,630	164,472		47	1,105	29	880	112,402	32,168	96 82	79	1	84 00
" " 4th Ward	27,325	290,294		56	1,600	7	70	324,649	117,321	351 96	70	8	110 00
" " 5th Ward	12,923	85,286		5	125			97,476	11,317	33 95	7		7 00
Ceres Township	1,890	105,026	13,530	231	9,225	332	2,765	129,676	15,035	45 17	100	2	110 00
Corydon Township	5,810	28,707	131,335	115	2,025	86	860	160,793			24	1	29 00
Eldred Township	10,425	121,846	24,441	214	5,295	237	3,790	107,927	17,383	52 15	119	3	134 00
Eldred Borough	13,150	81,020		90	2,250	53	530	97,046	14,176	42 53	31	2	41 00
Foster Township	23,065	457,154	75,221	229	5,080	421	4,230	583,385	34,365	103 10	216	4	236 00
Hamlin Township	8,760	37,440	124,431	179	3,000	153	1,625	190,390	10,477	31 43	48	3	63 00
Hamilton Township	15,120	75,302	82,549	174	4,755	108	1,508	180,255	740	2 22	57	5	82 00
Kane Borough	19,545	59,073		35	1,225	50	500	100,575	28,893	86 68	61	3	76 00
Kendall Borough	24,220	56,551		91	4,290	118	1,212	85,383	17,764	53 29	94	1	99 00
Keating Township	37,733	245,925	297,217	485	10,305	634	7,336	578,082	24,632	73 90	229	8	269 00
Lafayette Township	14,865	177,615	163,126	121	3,022	137	1,425	280,376	4,230	12 69	115	6	145 00
Liberty Township	9,865	160,533	111,010	273	4,800	424	4,470	239,676	4,613	13 84	118	1	129 00
Norwich Township	7,120	63,520	253,215	123	3,250	230	2,350	394,114	6,678	20 03	71	4	91 00
Otto Township	27,720	443,461	27,224	247	9,732	278	2,950	511,245	46,369	139 11	178	3	193 00
Port Allegany Borough	15,540	143,291		111	2,315	32	320	161,859	94,228	282 69	24		24 00
Sergeant Township	6,965	97,024	150,760	123	6,132	90	1,030	190,420	300	0 90	49	3	64 00
Smethport Borough	26,240	123,340		93	3,450	63	635	162,586	594,903	1784 71	41	2	54 00
Wetmore Township	10,870	243,188	81,427	141	2,410	103	1,080	329,675	83,004	249 01	74		74 00

The above statement shows the aggregate value and assessments made by each Assessor in McKean county, for the year 1889, upon property taxable by law for County and State purposes. This statement, made in accordance with the act of July 27, 1842, also shows the amount of taxes assessed on each ward, borough and township in said county. All persons interested are hereby notified that the undersigned Commissioners will sit as a Board of Revision, at their office, in the Court House, in the borough of Smethport, on the 5th day of April, 1889, and from day to day by adjournment thereafter, to revise, raise and equalize the valuation of all property which they shall believe to have been assessed too low. After the revision and equalization shall have been completed, due notice will be given of the time and place where appeals may be made to said Commissioners sitting as a Board of Revision and Appeal.

Given under our hands and seal of office at Smethport, Pa., this 26th day of March, 1889.

JAMES ANGLUN,
P. M. FULLER,
JAS. A. McKEAN,
COMMISSIONERS.

Attest:
M. B. GREER, Clerk

WHISKEY FREE IN MAINE.

ED. MINER: The State of Maine has had prohibitory liquor laws on her statute books for upwards of thirty-eight years—more than twenty years longer than any other State of the Union. Recent statistics show that there are 134 liquor dealers in Portland, 127 in Bangor, 55 in Lewiston, 30 in Bath, 29 in Rockland, 23 in Oldtown, 23 in Bar Harbor, 21 in Biddeford, 17 in Gardiner and Heaven knows how many more in York, Augusta Belfast and other cities and towns of the state. The figures of the United States Internal Revenue Office show that there are 150 cities and towns in Maine in which license money is paid to the government for the sale of liquor, and there is any amount of it sold without any such formality. Commenting on these suggestive returns the Portland *Herald*, the organ of the Prohibitionists, makes significant statements:

"Crime is alarmingly prevalent. Murders have continually increased year by year. Our jails and prisons are unpleasantly full. Robberies and burglaries are occurring in all directions. Crime of all kinds is increasing. One hundred and thirty-four liquor sellers in Portland! 127 in Bangor!! and 55 in Lewiston!!! Is it any wonder that crime is increasing! Are our citizens less law-abiding than Western people? Is public sentiment at a lower ebb in the good old state of Maine than it is in a Western state where people from all countries have congregated? Wouldn't it be well for the Maine legislature to appoint an investigating committee to ascertain why it is that the prohibitory laws cannot be enforced in Maine as well as in Kansas?"

A gentleman who has given the subject of prohibition in Maine much study writes to a Philadelphia paper as follows:

"Perhaps there is no state in the Union in which the conditions are so favorable for the success of Prohibition as they are in Maine. The population is small, of much intelligence, and with a much less admixture of the foreign element than in most of the states. The fact that Prohibition has failed lamentably here shows that in a state like Pennsylvania, with a large population, many great cities and a strong foreign element, it would be such a farce as to make the state the laughing stock of the Union."

"Take the case of Portland, the largest and most important city in Maine, containing some 40,000 inhabitants. Under Prohibition liquor is as easily obtained here as in Philadelphia, under high license. To be sure, saloons are not to be seen upon the leading business streets, but every stranger can walk into a hotel with absolute confidence that he can obtain whatever liquor he desires in a well-appointed bar room."

"Many people have the impression that in order to get a drink of liquor in Maine a thirsty person, braving the awful terrors of the law, must sneak secretly into obscure dens, give signs or passwords, be shot down through trap-doors, climb over the roofs of houses, and otherwise conduct himself in a manner inconsistent with self-respect. Well, he doesn't have to do anything of the kind. The saloons of Portland don't do business in that way. They are perfectly well known, and the policemen watch over those that make it to their interest to do so with sedulous care.

"Centre and Commercial streets are filled with saloons thinly disguised as oyster-houses, groceries and private residences. These saloons sell an astonishing amount of liquor, and the bartender of one hotel bar said not long ago that his place did a larger business than any bar between Boston and Chicago, excepting New York, of course. This was doubtless an exaggeration, but the fact remains that the bar is a big source of revenue to the hotel. It is a very poor day when its receipts are as low as $100.

"The facts are perfectly well known throughout Maine, and are cited to show the prohibitionists of Pennsylvania how prohibition works in the state where it has had its most thorough trial. It has debauched politics far more than would have been possible under an honest license system, and has utterly failed of its end. As it stands to day even Prohibitionists admit its failure, except in the rural districts, where the experience of other states has shown that equally good results could be obtained with less restrictive legislation."

It would seem that the foregoing facts would convince any unprejudiced reader, that prohibition does not prohibit at least in the oldest Prohibition State of the Union. That on the other hand it creates a class of irresponsible, disreputable dives, one of which is more dangerous to the well-being of a town than a score of well-regulated licensed hotels.

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BRADFORD, March 25th, 1889.

Attention Farmers.

One car load of choice timothy and clover seed just received at W. D. Gallup's, Smethport.

CALL at Sprague's Hardware for the best plows made. All warranted to give satisfaction. 9tf.

JUST received a car load of fresh Marblehead lime. For sale by A. Reilly.-8.

The Truth Briefly Told.

MR. EDITOR: Of late, in most of the newspapers that come to my hand, statements have been made to the effect that Constitutional Prohibition is a failure in Iowa and Kansas, and that the best temperance advocates in both States are clamoring for the repeal of those laws. From these statements, those who are opposed to, and those who are undecided in regard to our proposed amendment, seem to have taken their "cue," and launch it at temperance advocates that those States are anxious to get rid of their laws, hence why should we want to place on our statutes the same acts of failure? To the end that I might be convinced either of the truth of these statements, or get authority that neither the papers nor the people could dispute, and that all would have to believe, I wrote a personal letter to the Governors of both Iowa and Kansas, making inquiry as to the real feeling of the people in their States. Both gentlemen answered most courteously. The Governor of Kansas says:

"TOPEKA, March 14, 1889.

"M. O. CAMPBELL, Esq., Smethport, Pa.:

"Dear Sir: I have but time to say, in reply to your letter of the 11th instant stating that some journals in Pennsylvania, opposed to Prohibition asserts 'that the best temperance advocates of Kansas are already clamoring for the repeal of the Prohibitory laws,' that the assertion is wild and reckless and utterly devoid of truth. If the amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor as a beverage were re-submitted to the people of Kansas, it would be carried by an overwhelming majority. The friends of sobriety and temperance believe enthusiastically in Prohibition, and the good results of the measure are so apparent that it is accepted as the policy of Kansas for all time. I forward you copies of messages in which the question is briefly and authoritatively referred to.

Very respectfully,
LYMAN U. HUMPHREY,
Governor."

The Governor of Iowa, on December 7, 1887, sent the following to each of the District and Superior Court Judges of the State:

"DES MOINES, Dec. 7, 1887.

"Dear Sir: I shall thank you to apprise me of the effects of the Prohibitory law in your district, particularly upon crime and criminal expenses. Would you, after having for several years observed the operations of the present Prohibitory law, advise its repeal.

WM. LARRABEE,
Governor."

In connection with a personal letter I received a pamphlet containing thirty-six answers to the above letter, from Judges. Of the answers, on the point of repeal, 5 are non committal, 4 yes, and 27 no. Comment is unnecessary. One hundred thousand copies of these letters ought to be published and distributed throughout this State. If the opposition papers will confine their statements to the truth, if they defeat us, they can take some pride in the fact and we can't grumble. If all the opposition will confine themselves to the truth we will meet their argaments, their sophistry, and their bombast, but we can't refute all their misrepresentations; it takes too long to investigate.

Editors very well know that many, very many people, if not the majority, believe everything they see in a paper (especially if it isn't true). And now, gentlemen of the opposition, in all candor, those of you who have no monied interest in a distillery, a brewery or a bar, how can you gather any satisfaction that you defeated Prohibition (if it is defeated) by false means?

M. O. CAMPBELL.

Smethport, March 25, 1889.

Are You Going West? If you Are Read This.

The lines of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway extend through Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Dakota and Missouri. They own and operate 5,700 miles of railroad, and have all the latest improvements, vestibule trains, steam heat, electric lights etc. At St. Paul connections are made with all lines to the north-west; at Council Bluffs for points in Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, Idaho and California; at Kansas City, with lines running through Kansas, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and Southern California. If you intend going west, write or call on John R. Pott, Traveling Passenger Agent, No. 430 William street, Williamsport, Pa. Name the place you want to go to and you will be furnished with maps, time tables, rates of fare etc. free of charge.

Some Foolish People.

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LITERARY NOTES.

SIGNING THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION.

In the March *Century* Messrs. Nicolay and Hay close that part of Lincoln's life dealing with the Emancipation Proclamation. We quote: "Mr. Lincoln took the various manuscript notes and memoranda which his Cabinet advisers brought him on the 31st of December [1862], and during that afternoon and the following morning with his own hand carefully rewrote the entire body of the draft of the proclamation. The blanks left to designate fractional parts of States be filled according to latest official advices of military limits; and in the closing paragraph suggested by Chase he added, after the words 'warranted by the Constitution,' his own important qualifying correction, 'upon military necessity.'

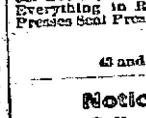
"It is a custom in the Executive Mansion to hold on New Year's Day an official and public reception, beginning at 11 o'clock in the morning, which keeps the President at his post in the Blue Room until 2 in the afternoon. The hour for this reception came before Mr. Lincoln had entirely finished revising the engrossed copy of the proclamation, and he was compelled to hurry away from his office to friendly handshaking and festal greeting with the rapidly arriving official and diplomatic guests. The rigid laws of etiquette held him to this duty for the space of three hours. Had actual necessity required it he could of course have left such mere social occupation at any moment; but the President saw no occasion for precipitancy. On the other hand, he probably deemed it wise that the completion of this momentous executive act should be attended by every circumstance of deliberation. Vast as were its consequences, the act itself was only the simplest and briefest formality. It could in no wise be made sensational or dramatic. Those characteristics attached, if at all, only to the long past decisions and announcements of July 22 and September 22 of the previous year. Those dates had witnessed the mental conflict and the moral victory. No ceremony was attempted or made of this final official signing. The afternoon was well advanced when Mr. Lincoln went back from his New Year's greetings, with his right hand so fatigued that it was an effort to hold the pen. There was no special conversation of the Cabinet or of prominent officials. Those who were in the executive office merely from the personal impulse of curiosity joined to momentary convenience. His signature was attached to one of the greatest and most beneficial military decrees of history in the presence of less than a dozen persons; after which it was carried to the Department of State to be attested by the great seal and deposited among the official archives."

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Co-partnership heretofore existing between

WINTZKY, FRIEDMAN & LEVINE,

engaged in the mercantile business at Ludlow, McKean county, Pa., was by mutual consent dissolved on the 12th day of March, 1889, Mr. J. Levine withdrawing from the firm. The business will hereafter be conducted by the late firm subscribers, to whom all debts due the late firm will be paid. WINTZKY & FRIEDMAN.
Ludlow, March 20, 1889. 9-3t.



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Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 163, October Term, 1888.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Mary D. Weld, by her next friend, J. S. Barlow, did, on the seventeenth day of July, 1888, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said County, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, DeSilver Weld.

We therefore command you, the said DeSilver Weld, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean, on the fourth Monday of May next, to answer the petition or libel of said Mary D. Weld, as aforesaid, and to show cause, if any you have, why the said Mary D. Weld, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Hereof fail not.

W. B. CLARKE, Sheriff.

A true copy.
Lee, Hastings & Criswell, Attorneys for Libellant.
March, 27, 1889. 9-4w

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF LEVARI FAcias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., and to me directed, I will expose at public sale on the premises, in the city of Bradford, Pa., on

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1889, AT 11 A. M.,

All that certain leasehold estate situate in Keating township, McKean county, and State of Pennsylvania, being a part of the Bingham estate and bounded and described as follows: Being that certain lot or parcel of land, containing twenty-five (25) acres, more or less, being sub-division 12 of lot No. 223 of the allotment of Bingham land in township aforesaid and part of Warrant No. 2272, being same land leased by Trustees of Bingham estate June 1, 1880, to E. M. Aiken and L. G. Smith, and by them assigned to Curtis L. Ramsey, recorded in Mortgage Book "H," page 123, etc., on the — day of —— 188—, being the same leasehold estate sold by the Sheriff of McKean county, A. I. Wilcox, to E. M. Tibbitts, on August 16, 1882, and by E. M. Tibbitts assigned to John A. Elixer and by the heirs-at-law of said John A. Elixer by their attorney in fact, C. D. Angell, assigned to said W. H. Eells, P. E. Bogg and T. L. Dawley, all of which is on record in Mortgage Book 2, page 417, etc., as reference will appear, together with six oil wells thereon; together with assignment second parties to Mrs. H. V. Ege, recorded herewith, together with all machinery and fixtures thereon—being one boiler, six engines, all tanks, all feet of tubing, all feet of casing, all feet of sucker rods, engine house, derrick, and all tools thereon.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of H. V. Ege and J. A. Ege at the suit of W. H. Eells, T. L. Dawley and P. E. Bogg for use C. M. Dow, now for use A. Anderson.

W. B. CLARKE, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, March 12.
W. E. & J. B. Chapman, Plff's Att'ys.

Court Proclamation.

The Hon. A. G. OLMSTED President Judge of the court of oyer and terminer and general jail delivery, quarter sessions of the peace, orphans' and court of Common Pleas for the county of McKean, has issued his precept, bearing date Friday, March 1st, 1889, and to me directed, for holding a court of common pleas, at the borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 8th day of April, 1889, and to continue one week.

Dated at Smethport, March 5, 1889, and in the 113th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

W. B. CLARKE, Sheriff.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF VENDITIONI Exponas issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., and to me directed, I will expose at public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, on TUESDAY, APRIL 9, A. D. 1889, AT 1:00 P. M.

The Defendant's interest in the following described real estate to-wit: All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the city of Bradford, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at west of the Exchange Building and thence running westerly along the north side of Main street twenty-three (23) feet; thence north at right angles to said first line one hundred (100) feet; thence easterly twenty-three (23) feet, and thence south one hundred (100) feet to the place of beginning, and having thereon one large two-story wooden building known as the Option house, being the life estate of A. K. Johnson in said premises, with all rents and incomes and said premises being the same land deeded by A. K. Johnson and wife to Laura Elizabeth Chappel by deed dated January 28, 1884 and recorded in the Recorder's Office of McKean County, October 18, 1884, in Deed Book "vol. 26," page 241, &c.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of A. K. Johnson at the suit of S. A. Terrell and L. A. Terrell, doing business as Terrell Brothers.

W. B. CLARKE, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, March 12, 1889.
McSweeny & Byles, Plff's Att'ys.

TRIAL LIST.

For Second Monday of April, A. D. 1889.

1. George M. Hays vs Erie Railroad Co., now New York, Lake Erie & Western Railroad Company. No 437, February term, 1883. Trespass on the Case. Plea—Not guilty and nul tiel corporation and that there is not now nor on the day of purchase of the writ in this case nor was there ever any such corporation as the Erie Railroad Company, nor New York, Lake Erie & Western Railroad Company.
2. Davis & Simar vs Sam L. Lillibridge, with notice to terre tenants. No. 304, May term, 1884. Sci. Fa. to Revive Judgment. Plea—Payment and no lien and Jonas Thoren, terre tenant, pleads no lien.
3. George H. Davis vs E. C. Hughes, No. 39, December term, 1886 Assumpsit. Plea—Non-assumpsit, payment, payment with leave, etc., and set off.
4. The McKean and Elk Land and Improvement Company vs Elizabeth D. Kane, sole devisee of Thomas L. Kane, deceased, Harry G. Clay and William Hacker. No. 232, February term, 1887. Ejectment. Plea—Defendants severally, by Hamlin & Forrest, Attorneys, pleads not guilty as to any land described in the writ of ejectment of which they were in the actual or constructive possession at the time the same was issued.
5. The McKean, Elk Land and Improvement Company vs. Harry G. Clay. No. 233, February Term, 1887. Ejectment. Plea—Defendant, by Hamlin & Forrest, Attorneys, pleads not guilty as to any of the land described in the writ of ejectment of which he was in the actual or constructive possession at the time the same was issued.
6. J. W. Beacom vs. Stephen Hore, L. B. Foster and Leon Foster. No. 376, May Term, 1887. Replevin. Plea—Non Cepit and Property.
7. C. C. Melvin and Peter T. Kennedy vs The Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway Company. No. 350, October Term, 1887. Trespass. Plea Filed.
8. Crouch Bros. vs R. E. Looker. No. 487, October Term 1887. Appeal. Plea—Nil Debit.
9. William Barringer vs Wm. Kimball. No. 34, December Term, 1887. Plea—Nil Debit.
10. John Onsel vs William Swarts. No. 16, February Term, 1888. Plea—Nil Debit.
11. William C. Bigler vs A. F. Bannon, late High Sheriff of McKean county, T. W. Shaw and Charles E. Judd. No. 223, February Term, 1888. Trespass. Plea—Not Guilty.
12. Marshall Bigler vs A. F. Bannon, late High Sheriff of McKean county, Charles E. Judd and T. W. Shaw. No. 224, February Term, 1888, Trespass Plea—Not Guilty.
13. Margaret Bigler vs A. F. Bannon, late High Sheriff of McKean county, Charles E. Judd and T. W. Shaw. No. 225, February Term, 1888. Trespass. Plea—Not Guilty.
14. Mary Hughes vs Edward Hughes. No. 123, May Term, 1888. Assumpsit. Plea—Non-assumpsit, payment set off.
15. James Halpin vs The New York, Lake Erie & Western Railroad Co. No. 135, May Term, 1888. Trespass. Plea—Not Guilty.
16. George G. Davis vs C. P. Fee, E. H. Cooney. No. 164, May Term, 1888, Judgment opened. Plea—Payment with leave.
17. F. W. Meese vs. Clara M. Karlson, Administratrix Cum Testamento Annexo of G. L. Karlson, deceased. No. 223, October Term, 1888. Assumpsit. Plea—Non-assumpsit, payment, payment with leave, etc.
18. Mary L. Titus vs The Bradford, Bordell & Kinzua Railroad Co. No. 8, December Term 1888. Trespass. Plea—Not Guilty.
19. Allen Cochran, Sr., Allen Cochran, Jr. and Wm. Cochran, partners doing business as The Sumit Gas Co., vs J. H. Boylan. No. 57, December Term, 1888. Trespass. Plea—Not Guilty.
20. Isaac Kesler vs. Jacob Harris. No. 158, December Term, 1888, E. D. No. 31 December Term, 1888. Judgment opened. Plea—Payment with leave, etc.
21. John A. Turner and Robert Bishop vs The Bradford, Bordell & Kinzua Railroad Co. No. 230, December Term, 1888. Trespass. Plea—Not Guilty.
22. R. W. Miller vs. A. W. Nowell. No. 266, February Term, 1889. Appeal. Plea—Non-assumpsit.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Of Road Funds of Keating Township, 1888.

A. J. BOND, in account with Keating township.

		Dr.	
1888. April 6.	To seated duplicate		$1444.44
	" transferred from Hussey's duplicate of 1887		52.98
April 9.	" Commissioners' road order,		1084.62
Aug. 13.	" received of County Com'rs,		275.00
Dec. 31.	" " " "		180.00
1889.	" " " "		700.00
Jany. 8.	" " " "		260.00
Feby. 2.	" " " "		100.00
	" bond sold to J. N. Apple		[illegible]
	" " " H. R. Vincent,		[illegible]
	" rec'd from Collector Hussey		[illegible]
			$4637.04
	Bal due A. J. Bond		82.37
			$4719.41

	Cr.		
By taxes worked out		$ 985 17	
Exonerations		36.46	
Transferred to 1889 dup		151.77	
Taxes worked out transferred from Hussey's dup		52.98	
Discount on $1084.62 at 6 per cent		65.08	
Receipts and vouchers		1472.32	
187 days' services		187.00	
131 days, man and team		524.00	
Use of horse and buggy		100.00	
Commission on $5421.86, at 2 per cent		108.43	
Expenses collecting taxes		16.00	
			$4719.41

GEO. N. BARRETT, HENRY WRIGHT, } Auditors.
W. A. McINTOSH, Town Clerk.

H. A. YOUNG in account with Keating township.

		Dr.	
April 6.	To seated duplicate		$1441.67
12.	" Comm'rs road order		1084.62
July 7.	" Rec'd of Commissioners		268.00
7.	" " "		75.00
Feby 2.	" " "		260.00
			$3130.00

	Cr.		
By taxes worked out		$1944 39	
Exonerations		18.95	
Transferred to 1889 dup		50.25	
Discount on $1084.62 at 6 per cent		65.08	
Receipts and vouchers		1067.00	
96 days' services		96.00	
13½ days, man and team		54.00	
10 lb. compound		2.00	
Expenses collecting taxes		8.00	
Use of horse and buggy		75.00	
Commission on $1819.00 at 2 per cent		36.38	
		$3098.15	
Balance due township		34.54	
			$3130.00

GEO. N. BARRETT, HENRY WRIGHT, } Auditors.
W. A. McINTOSH, Town Clerk.

INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNSHIP.

Bond held by H. Hamlin, due June 27, 1889	$2000.00
Bond held by J. N. Apple, due Dec. 19, 1889	700.00
Bond held by H. R. Vincent, due June 19, 1890	1800.00
	$4500.00

Assignee's Notice.

In the matter of the Assignment of E. R. McCoy, to John N. Apple, for the benefit of creditors. } In the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, No. 25, December Term, 1887.

To all parties concerned:

The above assignee having filed his first and final account the same was allowed by said court March 15, 1889. A rule to show cause why the said assignee shall not pay over all money, and reassign the balance of the estate in his hands to said E. R. McCoy, and why said assignee shall not be discharged from all his duties and obligations as such assignee and his bail released, will be heard and allowed unless cause be shown to the contrary at a session of said court to be held at Smethport, Pa., on Monday April 8, A. D. 1889, at 2 o'clock p. m.

J. M. McELROY, Prothonotary.
Smethport, Pa., March 15, 1889.

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Smethport, Pa., March 29, 1889.

H. S. RODGERS, Local Editor.

LOCAL AND HUMOROUS.

Will Dye an Egg.

"When Easter Sunday comes, mamma,
I fear some dreadful thing
Will happen to me, dear mamma,
That to you will sadness bring.

I will not lose an arm, mamma,
I will not lose a leg;
But I am going to dye, mamma;
Am going to dye an egg."

—Carpenters are busy.

—Spring showers prevail.

—The painters are happy.

—Bring out the fishing rod.

—Next Monday will be April fool's day.

—Spring suits have put in an appearance.

—Matrimonial contracts are on the increase.

—Bad walks are noticeable in many localities.

—The next term of Civil court convenes April 8th.

—This has been an extraordinary mild March so far.

—See the advertisement of C. E. Grover, elsewhere.

—Contrary to prophecy March will go out like a lamb.

—The old academy on Green street is being torn down.

—The Auditor's Report will be found on our fourth page.

—A cheap and simple receipt for getting rich—advertise.

—There was a large attendance of legal talent at court this week.

—Trailing Arbutus hunters sought the solitudes of nature last Sunday.

—The swarthy organ grinder from macaroni land will soon be with us.

—The storm doors have been appropriately removed from the hotel fronts.

—The residence of George Gerrett, on King street is in the hands of the decorators.

—The lumbermen have been somewhat disappointed in the matter of floods this year.

—L. A. Groat, one of Mt. Jewett's staunch Republicans, called on us Tuesday last.

—Robert McCord, of Coleville, is about to "go west, young man." Bob has our sympathy.

—Wm. Gifford, Esq., is having the foundation for his new house on King street laid.

—The time swiftly approaches when the sportsman will hie himself to gushing brook, rod in hand.

—R. L. Stephens, of Coleville, was a pleasant caller at this office on Wednesday of this week.

—The large puff necktie has superceded the "four-in-hand" among the fashionable in the metropolis.

—Considerable timber is being hauled over the B. B. & K. railroad from Ormsbee to the mills in this place.

—A more beautiful month of March than the present one, was never before experienced in McKean county.

—Regular monthly meeting of the King's Daughters in Temperance Hall, Tuesday, April 2nd., at 3 p. m.

—The meetings of the Loyal Legion will be discontinued for the present owing to the inability of the President to attend.

—The meat market and grocery store of G. W. Williams, Esq., on Main street, has been lately treated to several coats of paint.

—Dr. Sprague will supply the nimrods with fishing tackle at low rates. So he informs the readers of the MINER this week.

—A fine musical entertainment will be given in Kittridge Opera House, Thursday evening April 11th. Particulars next week.

—Arrangements are being made to change the Coudersport & Port Allegany railroad from a narrow to a standard gauge.

—The streams are full of immense numbers of logs, which cannot be utilized by the lumberman till high water comes to their aid.

—The front windows of H. W. Rubin's clothing store are to be enlarged in order to show to better advantage his mammoth stock of clothing.

—"Russet lawns and fallows grey" would suit this locality if quoted "'Rubbish' lawns and fallows grey, where the nibbling flocks do stray."

—A very pleasant warm sugar festival was held at the residence of F. R. Foster, Esq., Wednesday evening, for the benefit of the Methodist church of this place.

—The printers that tramp in the spring tra-la, from Maine to California and from Louisiana to Michigan, are the best informed class of men on the road, tra-la.

—Street Commissioner Black brought out the road machine last Tuesday and materially improved Main street for rapid transit purposes, by a thorough scraping.

—The "Centennial Jubilee Singers," who gave a concert in the opera house on Saturday night of last week, sang in the Baptist church, at the Sunday evening services.

—In the case of Frank Andrews vs J. C. Hamlin and G. W. Williams, executors of the estate of Henry Herring, deceased, the jury returned a verdict of $200, for the plaintiff.

—We are informed that F. J. Vickery of this place has rented his old stand in the opera house, intending to establish a meat market where he was formerly engaged in the grocery business.

—A county fair should not be held in a "village,"—nothing less than a thriving borough. In fact it is too important an affair to be held in a town whose editor persists in dubbing it a "village."

—County Superintendent Eckels informs us that the Teachers' examinations for the county will commence at Hamlin, Norwich township, on Monday, Apr. 8th. Next week we will try and publish the appointments.

—E. Davis, of Kane, has recently received a patent for an inkstand, which is really one of the most valuable inventions we have seen for a long time. Mr. Davis ought to make a handsome fortune out of it.

—The railroad companies throughout the country, tired of making traveling nurses of their conductors, have determined to put a stop to the custom of transporting children from one point to another under their care.

—It may be of interest to bark peelers to learn that Dodge and Sherborne, contractors for the McKean Bros. of this borough, will have five thousand cords of bark to peel this season. This will furnish work for a good many men.

—The two-year old daughter of J. C. Gallup, Esq., of this place, had one of her fingers badly injured last Wednesday, by getting it into a wringer which her mother was turning at the time. The little one was cared for by Doctor Wells.

—The *Weekly Dispatch* is the title of a handsome paper recently established at Belmont, Allegany county, N. Y., by Messrs. R. R. and F. G. Helme, formerly publishers of the Friendship *Register*. The Helmes are first-class newspaper men and the *Dispatch* is bound to succeed.

—The carding machine and shingle mill of Enoch Dudley, located about two miles above Turtle Point on the road to Port Allegany, was totally destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning of this week. Mr. Dudley had no insurance, consequently the loss is a very severe one to him.

—The liquid used in the hand grenades for extinguishing fire, it is said, can be made by simply taking 20 pounds of salt, 10 pounds of muriate of ammonia and dissolving in seven gallons of water. When dissolved it can be bottled and used effectively.

—The Centennial Jubilee Singers gave a very satisfactory concert in the opera house, Saturday evening last, to fair sized audience. Their old plantation songs were very much enjoyed, and their bass singer was far beyond the ordinary traveling minstrel in talent.

—An exchange tells of a man who while walking through his fields recently, when the ground was covered with snow, came upon a bare spot completely covered with grass-hoppers, who were basking in sunshine as contentedly as if the merry month of June had just been born.

—At the Olean house last evening, Andrew Ness and Miss Alta Comes, both estimable young people of Smethport, were united in matrimonial relations, the ceremony being pronounced by the Rev. Rutger Dox.—*Olean Times*, 22nd. inst.

—Bradford has been having a run of operas of late. Her musical treats always commence with lent, the companies leaving the cities at that time to escape its depressing influence on their houses. A large number of Smethport people who would otherwise largely attend the opera in Bradford, stay at home at this season.

—Pope Leo IX succeeded in saving out of his income of voluntary contributions, for the year 1888, amounting to $2,500,000, about $1,000,000. His Holiness might in a few years time, at that rate, buy off some of the grasping monarchs of Europe and become as supreme as his predecessors were when Rome was Empress of the world.

—That Smethport contains as true hearted a people as Heaven's sun ever shone on, was easily demonstrated last Sunday when, with the Knights Templars at their head, a delegation of over 50 of her leading citizens came over to Coudersport to attend the obsequies of our beloved citizen, the late D. C. Larrabee.—*Coudersport Journal*.

—This is the proper time ? of the year to commence early rising, and put away the sluggish habits of the winter. Awaken with the "dappled dawn," and be abroad with the birds and buds. Of course the the "dewy feathered sleep" is sweet but too many hours are wasted in its oblivion during the balmy mornings of spring when all nature is aroused into life and light by rosy fingered Aurora.

—The latest postal laws are such that newspaper publishers can arrest any one who takes a paper and refuse to pay for it. Under this law the man who allows his subscription to run along for some time unpaid and then orders it discontinued or tells the postmaster to mark it "refused," and have a postal card sent notifying the publisher, lays himself liable to arrest and fine, the same as for theft.

—Without any irreverence aforethought we will relate the following which was told to us by a friend: A little girl of New Milford, Susquehanna county, Pa., after having witnessed the ceremony of baptism performed by a Baptist minister, remarked to her mother that she thought she would never become a christian. The mother anxiously inquiring the reason, the child answered that she did not relish the idea of wading into the church.

—Satirical remarks like the following are apt to involve the city editor of the Bradford *Star* in a petticoat battle: "Several ladies of this city were smitten with Jennes Miller and her dress reforms are having little leglets made which will bloom with the flowers of the spring. It will be a startling innovation, but after the first shock the public will become thoroughly accustomed to the change and think no more about it than though they all work tights."

—Mr. M. J. Sweeney a student of Allegany College will give an elocutionary entertainment in the M. E. Church on Wednesday evening, April 3. Mr. Sweeney has been elected to represent the Philo Franklin Literary Society in the Inter-society contest to be held in the Opera House in Meadville, in June so those who attend may be assured of an enjoyable evening. The Smethport Band will be present and render some of their finest music.

—Venus and Adonis could hardly have presented a more attractive picture than did a well known clerk of a large Main street mercantile house, some days since, while adorning a plaster-of-Paris bust of feminine gender, with a modern good-sense corset. The young man when discovered by the writer, acted considerably like a fish out of water, and remarked that the next time such a thing had to be done in the front window, the married foreman of experience could perform the deed.

—It is expected that freight trains will be running on the new railroad from Johnsonburg to Clermont by the first of May, and that the first of June will witness the running of passenger trains. This road will open up about 1,000,000,000 feet of timber in Elk and McKean counties. As it will shorten the route between Rochester and Pittsburg, it is more than probable that a large proportion of the coal mined at DuBois and Reynoldsville will be hauled over it.—*Kane Leader*.

—A law should be passed prohibiting the brutal practice of clipping horses. It is customary in all parts of the country, with those who imagine that they can improve upon the divine law of nature. The poor animals after undergoing the metamorphosis, are susceptible to disease by reason of their unnatural exposure, and are cruelly tortured by flies during the summer months. Some of the wise persons who insist upon this barbarous practice, should be obliged to go about the streets in their underclothing till the delusion vanishes.

—The civil term of court commencing on Monday last, adjourned yesterday. We will publish the disposition of all the cases in our next issue.

—The St. Luke's church parsonage on Fulton street, which is at present occupied by Prothonotary McElroy, has lately been rented to Mrs. J. F. McClure of lower Main street. We are not informed as to where Mr. McElroy intends removing.

—It is quite wonderful to see a cat jump from a height. It never seems to hurt itself, or to get giddy with the fall. It always lands on its feet, and these are so beautifully padded that they seldom or never get broken. Why does not the animal get a headache after the jump? Why does it not receive a concussion of the brain, as a man or a dog would if he performed a similar acrobatic feat? To answer this, we must examine a cat's skull, when we shall see that it has a regular partition wall projecting from its sides, a good way inward, toward the center, so as to prevent the brain from suffering from concussion. This is indeed a beautiful contrivance, and shows an admirable internal structure, made in wonderful conformity with external form and nocturnal habits.—*Scientific American*.

—The Port Allegany *Reporter* says: "There will be a meeting of the citizens of McKean county who are interested in the keeping of the county fair, at the store of B. C. Gallup, on Wednesday, March 27, at two o'clock p. m. The question will then and there be decided whether a fair will be held or not. This is not a meeting of stockholders only, it is for every one interested in the fair, and prosperity of the county and village. The old board of managers, who have done the work, and taken the curses for a number of years, are generally disposed to give the matter up unless the people will take hold of it generally, and make the fair what it ought to be, a grand success." Brother Hughes, don't you think that a centrally located county seat, with the beautiful surroundings and natural advantages that Smethport has, would be the proper place for holding the county fair?

PERSONAL MENTION.

We would deem it a favor if those having friends visiting in this place would notify us by postal or by leaving a notice at this office.

Hon. R. B. Stone of Bradford is in town.

Mrs. T. D. Nash is in New York purchasing goods.

Mayor McSweeny of Bradford had business at court this week.

Mrs. D. L. Forsyth is visiting among friends in Buffalo this week.

H. W. Rubins, Esq., made a business trip to New York this week.

Mrs. F. Kerns has been visiting Bradford acquaintances the past week.

Lawyer P. R. Cotter, of Eldred was a guest at the Wright House, this week.

T. L. Sartwell, the prosperous druggist of Eldred, was seen about town Tuesday.

The genial and hearty Sam Rifle, of Port Allegany, called on us Tuesday last.

Attorney C. H. Dornan, of Coudersport, was a guest at the Wright House, this week.

Marc Lillibridge, Port Allegany's king merchant, made us a pleasant call last Tuesday.

Lawyer George Roberts and wife of Bradford were guests at the Central, the forepart of the week.

Hon. M. F. Elliott, of Wellsboro, was registered at the Wright House, the fore part of the week.

J. R. Leder of the New York firm of Gilbert, Sweet & Lyon, was a guest at the Central last Sunday.

Miss Emma Reilly, of this place, returned last Monday from a visit at the home of Lawyer Mullin of Bradford.

Fred S. Thomas, the accomplished job printer of Coudersport, and son of F. A. Thomas of this office visited town last Wednesday.

L. D. Colegrove, of Duke Centre, is serving on jury this week. He is stopping with his old friend, A. H. Peirce, of the Peirce House.

Mrs. C. M. Baker returned last Friday evening from York, whither she was called by the sudden death of her father, the late T. W. Young, Esq., of that city.

Lawyer D. L. Snyder, of Buffalo, formerly of Port Allegany accompanied by O. E. Goldhagen, Esq., of the latter place, were callers at this office last Monday.

We understand that Prof. Brack, the highly accomplished musical instructor, who has been a resident of this place for the past few years departed recently for Ridgway, where he will locate for a time.

B. E. Cartwright, the boss Republican and greatest lumberman of Elk county has business in Court this week. He insists that a man can't do business in McKean county without becoming a constant supporter of the legal profession.

Comrade Wm. Wilkins, of Wetmore township, was in town on Wednesday. From him we first learned of the disastrous fire which visited the premises of our old friend, T. H. Ryan, of Kane, on Monday last, the particulars of which are given by our Kane correspondent.

Attention Farmers.

One car load of choice timothy and clover seed just received at W. D. Gallup's, Smethport. 3-22-4t.

"Knapsack and Rifle, or Life in the Grand Army."

This is the title of an intensely interesting book recently published in Philadelphia by "One of the Boys," for which Comrade W. N. George of Duke Centre, who served four years and eight months in the war of the rebellion, has the agency for this county. Its pages are filled with pen pictures and sketches of camp, bivouac, marches, battles, great military movements, personal reminiscences of army life, adventures, etc., together with a complete chronology of the war and a digest of the pension laws of the United States. There is little field for a general history of the war, but there is always a field for personal narrative and adventure, the recital of patriotic services and sacrifices. Especially is it desirable for the American people to have a description of the great conflict, as the man saw it who carried the knapsack and rifle, and went into the thickest of the fight. The scenes and records in this book are real; the facts, by reason of their thrilling nature, called for no exaggeration.

We have received our stock of Birges' Wall Paper for our spring trade, and we wish to say that it is the finest stock of wall paper ever brought to Smethport, both as to quality and quantity. We guarantee our customers Buffalo prices, and in several of our choicest patterns even lower prices than can be had in Buffalo. Save express charges. Patronize home trade.

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KANE TALK.

We have a raw atmosphere at Kane. Dwelling houses are scarce here.

A number of our hotel men are around getting signers for license.

Rev. Bignell, presiding elder of the M. E. church preached here Sunday morning and evening.

Representative Griffith spent Sunday with his family. He looks like a much over-worked man.

F. W. Mease, Jr., is touching up the inside of the Kane House. A little paint is a thing of beauty.

Scipio Young, the old pioneer barber of Kane, is breaking ground for a large brick building on Fraley street, near the Centennial Hotel.

Our jovial townsman Jim Colliuge, has returned from a brief visit with H. V. Blymiller, at Brockport, Elk county. He reports Bly. in good shape and doing well.

Messrs. Mankey & Son, of Williamsport, were here last week looking for a site for an extensive furniture factory. Kane can and will boom in the near future.

A couple of gentlemen who represent a large firm in Pittsburg, are looking around Kane with a view of building a plate glass factory that will cost about $500,000.

The great China Tea company have appointed L. D. Bassett, of the Boss Grocery, their agent at this place. Lee says the cup that cheers, is a good cup of tea. He knows.

There seems to be some activity in the Elk county or Highland oil field. The Rock Glycerine company keep two teams running daily, and Pinkey says he is kept busy shooting.

There will be some maple sugar made in this vicinity, if the number and size of the sap-pans that are being turned out by the Smith & Weiker hardware company have any significance.

The indications are that there is considerable illicit liquor selling in our borough, and some one will come to grief, as our efficient constable is on the alert, and if they are not run in ere long, it will not be Dan's fault.

On Monday morning about 2 a. m. our quiet citizens were aroused from their slumbers, by an alarm of fire, and found that the large frame barn of T. H. Ryan, in the northern part of the borough was on fire, and rapidly burned to the ground. Several milch cows were saved, but a fine team of horses, which he recently refused to sell for $400, and all his farming implements were destroyed. His loss is considerable, which is partly covered by insurance. At this writing the fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. If so it must have been a tramp, as Mr. Ryan is not supposed to have an enemy in this region.

HONEST RUBE.

BRADFORD BRIEFS.

J. Eloskey is in New York city.

M. B. Pierce, of Rochester, was in town over Sunday.

Theodore Barnsdell is recovering from a slight attack of fever.

Mrs Nellie Clough is visiting with friends in Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. D. O'Donnell has returned from a visit with friends in Dunkirk.

Messrs. McElroy, Rogers, Wright and Vincent, of Smethport, were in the city last week.

The Bennett-Moulton Opera Company played to crowded houses at the Wagner all of last week.

W. W. Splane, of the National Transit Company, has returned from a trip to New York city.

Miss Emma Reilly, who has been visiting with friends in this city, has returned to her home in Smethport.

Pat Rooney appeared in "Pat's New Wardrobe" at the Wagner last Monday evening to a large audience.

J. C. Stewart's "Fat Men's Club" is booked to appear at the Opera House tomorrow evening. A feature of the play are five fat men.

Miss Jessie M. West, of No. 186 Mechanic street, who has been attending school at Meadville, Pa., is home for a two weeks' visit.

While conveying Mike Gorman to the lockup last Friday, Officer Rhone was kicked on the leg by Gorman and so badly injured that he has been confined to his home ever since.

Charles A. Fields died of typhoid fever last Thursday morning and was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery Sunday afternoon. The funeral was under the auspices of the K. O. T. M. and was largely attended.

John Mabin, who is employed in Bovaird & Seyfang's shop, was knocking a key out of a set of jars last Saturday when the key flew out and struck him in the eye, destroying the sight, it is feared.

The candidates for the offices of Chief Engineer and First Assistant Engineer of the Bradford Fire Department are quite numerous. Among the former are Burt McAllister, the present Chief, and Thomas White. Among the latter are J. E. Wolf, William Kehoe and Charles F. Genuther.

CLERMONT CHATTINGS.

A church should not be used for political purposes.

Miss Etta Belknap is spending this week with Miss Amend.

C. H. Moore went over to Port Allegany Wednesday on business.

Miss Tilly Peterson, of Smethport, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sonbergh.

Ed Daly, the popular liveryman of Smethport, is in town most every day.

I said once in my correspondence that "liquor could not be sold here," but that isn't saying that it is *not* sold is it?

With an able preacher and excellent music, there is no excuse why the church should not be crowded every Sunday.

There is a certain individual in town who does a good deal of talking in regard to other people's business. He had better keep mum or I will let the people know his name.

It would please a good many of the people of Clermont if Rev. Hann could spare the time at least once to make them a call. He ought to get acquainted with us and we with him. I take it on my own responsibility to assure him that the people here are not so bad after all—the "many Swedes" included.

Rev. J. G. Hann preached in the Union church here last Sunday and as usual delivered a very practical and business-like sermon to a large and attentive congregation. It was probably the first time in the history of the church that the Clermont Chattings in the MINER were made part of the sermon, but it was a good advertisement. Although no special prayer was offered for your correspondent, I was very much pleased with the remarks. The reverend gentleman closed his able discourse with a few remarks in favor of prohibition. I omit the personal references he made for his sake and will assure him my earnest assistance in prosecuting any one that sells liquor without a license and hope he will have the same assistance in rooting out the same evils at his home in Colegrove and Newerf.

DOOLLY DOOLL.

Attention Farmers.

One car load of choice timothy and clover seed just received at W. D. Gallup's, Smethport.

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F. S. TAYLOR.
Smethport, Dec. 3, 1888.

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WHAT THE LITTLE ONES ARE SAYING.

Little Cora heard an elder person remark that some one who was in trouble was "in a pickle." Shortly afterward her little brother attempted some difficult feat. "Oh, you mustn't do that," she exclaimed, "or you will be in a cucumber."

Little Ina, of Harrisburg, nearly five years old, set out to visit school the other day as gay as a lark, but returned after the session with rather a careworn expression of countenance. When asked how she liked the school, she said: "I did not like it." "Why not?" "Oh! I had to work awful hard." "What did you have to do?" "I had to keep still like everything."

A child may be often expected to put his or her heedless little foot in it, as the phrase goes. For instance, a youngster one day begged an invitation to dinner at the house of a little friend with whom he had been playing. At the table his hostess anxiously inquired: "Charley, can you cut your own meat?" "Humph!" said the youngster, who was sawing away; "Can't I? I've cut up quite as tough meat as this at home."

ROLL CALL.

Mary L. Holmes, Sugar Run; N. U. Commer, Smethport; Fanny B. Morrison, Corunplanter; A. D. M., Tuna Creek; Ivy, Tuna Creek; Chestnut Burr, Bradford; Mildred, Port Allegany; Wesley Colegrove, Eldred; George G. Welch, Bradford; Maggie A., Smethport.

HISTORICAL.

This was the most complete set of answers:

DEAR MINER: 1. The seven wise men of Greece are: Solon, Chilo, Pittacus, Bias, Periander, sometimes called Epimenides, Cleobulus and Thales.

2. Solon, "Know thyself."
Chilo, "Consider the end."
Pittacus, "Know thy opportunity."
Bias, "Most men are bad."
Periander, "Nothing is impossible to industry."
Cleobulus, "Avoid excess."
Thales, "Suretyship is the precursor of ruin."

3. Alexander the Great was the son of Philip of Macedon, born in 356 B. C., died in 323. His first great tutor was a Greek, Lysimachus, and the first thing he learned was the Iliad. During his father's lifetime he shared in his wars, and in the government of the kingdom, early showing a strong will and an imperious temper. By his bravery he decided the issue of the battle of Chaeronea (338). He ascended the throne at the age of 20, on the assassination of his father. He afterwards invaded Asia and won a decisive victory. He marched into Egypt and took the whole city of Gaza and slaughtered all the inhabitants. He took the whole of Persia; the battle was severely contested, but at last the Persians were utterly routed. He reigned twelve years and eight months. It is said that Alexander wept because there were "no more worlds for him to conquer."

The corner stone of the White House at Washington was laid on September 18, 1793.

When Sheridan's famous charger, Rienzi, died his skin was stuffed, and is now in a museum on Governor's Island.

LESSON XXI.

1. What was the amount of the national debt incurred by the great civil war of the rebellion?
GEORGE G. WELSH.

2. What State is known as the "Badger State," and which the "Lone Star?"
MILDRED.

3. Where is Gen. McPherson's statue located, and what did it cost?
IVY.

4. What is the Gulf Stream?
CHESTNUT BURR.

BIBLE STUDY.

Philadelphia is found in Rev. 1:2.

Nimrod built the city of Nineveh.

The borrowed axe was made to swim. II Kings 5:6.

Consult your Bibles again, and see if you cannot find the longest word.

LESSON XIX.

1. Who was raised to life at Joppa?
MARY L. HOLMES.

2. What four commandments were broken by a king of Israel to obtain an herb-garden.
WESLEY COLGROVE.

3. What news did the first carrier-pigeon bring?
MAGGIE A.

4. What prophet called for music before he delivered his prophecy?
GEORGE G. WELSH.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SUGAR RUN, March 10, 1889.

DEAR MINER: I have not had very good luck hunting answers to the questions this week, but if I do not find answers to the questions I find something else to learn. I think the girls must be pleased with the prizes they got. I hope Ivy will be so kind as to describe her prize. Spring is here and the woods will soon be full of flowers. The robbins have come and we welcome them back, for when they come we know that the long winter is past.

MARY L. HOLMES.

Another Bradford boy who reads the MINER, gives some very good advice to boys in the following essay:

PROFANITY.

The most useless habit and at the same time, the habit most common to the boys of this country, is profanity. From hearing others, a boy acquires the habit of using some by-word. He gradually increases his stock of irreverent words, by the addition of stronger ones, until he soon has the whole unsanctified vocabulary at his tongue's end. It soon becomes so tenacious that at every little thing which may happen to go wrong, he bursts forth into a tirade of abuse, but upon whom it is inflicted, or at whom it is hurled, is something which no one can find out. When we hear a man or boy swearing as if his very life depended upon the number of profane words he uttered in a minute we invariably place him, unless we know to the contrary, among the base and degraded class; a person with whom we do not wish to associate, nor do we wish our friends to even know him.

If you ask a boy why he uses profane language, he will tell you that he doesn't know exactly, but it seems to relieve his mind to give vent to his feelings in some such forcible manner.

It is a habit which is not used or sanctioned by the better class of men or boys, and although they may use it among themselves, still there is not one of them who would think of swearing in the presence of his mother or ladies whom he respects.

The fact that some of our greatest generals and most noted men would swear, smoke and drink is no reason why anyone should follow their example, and therefore ye small boys if ye do not wish to be regarded as the embodiment of all that is base, low, filthy, degraded, let not profane words enter your mouths.

Remember boys and girls to write only on *one* side of the paper.

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"The One Hoss Shay,"

of Dr. Holmes, is full of the genial author's exuberant humor. Its fun is superficial and obvious; but more is meant than meets the ear or eye. The vehicle which ran for a hundred years and a day without a break, typifies a healthy human body, and represents the natural term of its service. If, however, a man has catarrhal, bronchial, asthmatic, or pulmonary disease, he cannot live out half his days, unless he eradicates the scrofulous humors whose presence causes these local troubles. The great blood cleansing alterative of Dr. Pierce, known as the "Golden Medical Discovery," rids the blood of scrofulous pollutions, and, by improving the nutrition, gives new vigor to the debilitated system, and cures these diseases.

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IF you are in need of paint of any kind and want the best made in this country, get the Sherwin Williams, which is kept by M. A. Sprague.

BEST Buckwheat Flour at D. C. Young's, only 75 cents a sack.

THE aggregate amount of medicines and extracts manufactured and sold by G. T. Dennis, of Eldred, Pa., during 1888 was $7,600, showing the verdict of the people of their superior value.

George Toliver at the Inauguration.

DEAR MINER:—Having promised several members of your staff to let you hear from me occasionally, I take pleasure, after eight months of separation from my many friends in old Smethport, to give you my experience in witnessing the inauguration of a Republican President.

I left Philadelphia Friday, March 1st, at 3:38 p. m., arriving at the National Capital at 7:15 same evening. I retired early so as to get out soon on following morning to take in the sights.

The city presented an elegant display of bunting, flying pennons of every description used in the United States, and many of foreign powers, tastefully arranged on every prominent building. At the western base of the Capitol, around the peace monument, was constructed a minature log cabin, a raccoon in the act of scaling the humble dwelling and a keg marked "hard cider" on side of roof, a picture that much accords with the story (as I have heard it) of the first Harrison campaign. I continued up the avenue to the White House, reaching there just in time to see His Excellency, G. Cleveland, and one of his Cabinet return from an afternoon drive. Shortly after another carriage rolled up bringing Mrs. Cleveland and two other ladies. I also saw the long heard of colored coachman that has driven so many chief magistrates. While the two all-white-feet sorrels with blaze faces of the President's coach were very admirable the remainder of the turnout was not what I expected to see in the way of elegance. I was also in the Senate but nothing of note occurred while I was there. On Sunday I met Sir H. A. Young and Photographer Hoffman, of old Smethport. I need not say a hearty shake and much inquiry on both sides was the result of our meeting. They told me that Treasurer Shoemaker and C. H. Sprague were in the city but I was not fortunate enough to see them although I looked continually. I had not left my old friends ten minutes when I met ex-Sheriff Bannon and son. A shake no less hearty again took place. I thought how fortunate, amid such a vast throng, to meet four people in ten minutes from a place that had once been my home. This time I thought and asked Mr. Bannon where he was stopping, as I wished to get another peep at them. "At No. 3, Grant Place," he said. I told him I would try to see him again, and as the rain was making things quite moist we bid good day and passed on. On Monday I mustered out early to try and witness all the sights. I had located several places on Saturday and Sunday that I wished to reach Monday; whether I should or not was to test. About 11 a. m. I went to Sixth and B streets station to meet my brother from Virginia, but failing to get an eye on him in the dense crowd I groped my way to Pennsylvania avenue and B street, just as the van of the President's escort approached, en route to the Capitol. I had a splendid view of President Cleveland, President-elect Harrison, Vice President Morton, and the entire escort led by Gen. Beaver. As soon as the escort passed I violated the law by dodging under the wire, but by the time an officer got his eye on me I was across the street. As there was no possible way of reaching the Capitol without crossing the line at some point, I had to run the risk of being turned back, but got through all O. K. I ran up to C street, down C to Indiana avenue, thence to the Capitol grounds and got around on the east front half an hour before the President appeared on the grand stand. Several men who were engaged in preparing the way for the President and party were cheered vigorously by the spectators, being mistaken for the Presidential party. Great were the laughs they received from the remaining bystanders who knew of their blunder. About 12:45 Gen. Harrison and party were un-umbrellad right in front of the grand stand, having gotten all the way out before being detected, there being an immense throng around him, and the crowd in front having got left several times, were determined to be sure this time. Well, he was there, and bowed to the people. Down went every umbrella, up went hats and loud hurrahs. He spoke very loud and distinct, but as I stood a little north of him, and the wind, a stiff northeaster, blew his accents southward, yet I heard much, word for word, and all within a radius of fifty feet heard with perfect ease.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies at the Capitol I started for the White House, the next best place. After taking back streets and groping my way the entire distance through a moving mass, I reached the spot, and got a position just in front of the reviewing stand, about twenty minutes before the President and Vice President made their appearance thereon. As the Presidential party ascended the reviewing stand shouts filled the air, hats went up, and the thousands who waited at this point four or five hours clapped their hands in honor of the nation's greatest personages.

Then came one of America's greatest pageants, and though the rain fell in considerable quantity, from the erect appearance of every commanding officer, and buoyant step of every soldier and citizen, one might have supposed the sunniest day overspread the scene. The parade was one of great magnitude, both in civil and military organizations. The curiosities were, two of the canine family—one a large surly bull, wearing a mantle, on which was inscribed "Protection;" a man as Uncle Sam, with a suit of stars and stripes, bearing the flag of the United States; Buffalo Bill's cowboys, with a pair of seven-foot cow's horns and other skulls of the bovine tribe, together with their lassoes, pistols and the general equipments of the prairie. These closed the scene.

Space will not permit me to tell you of the pleasant evening I spent at No. 3 Grant Place, with ex-Sheriff Bannon and son, Senator Packer, and Editor Roy, of Wellsboro; nor how Tony, Jr., and I spent an evening at the National Theatre, after which we went over and took a peep in the Pension building at the grandest ball of the age; nor of our visit to and walking up and down the monument next day; and a thousand and one other things that are present in my thinking train. Should I ever write again I will try and tell you all that I have left out that I think would interest you. No more.

Your friend, with best wishes to all.
GEO. TOLIVER.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria,
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria,
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria

Mrs. T. D. NASH.

SMETHPORT, Pa., March 7, 1889.

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AUDITORS' REPORT
—OF THE—
Finances of McKean County,
TOGETHER WITH
COMMISSIONERS' -:- STATEMENT!
FOR 1888.

Jno. K. Shoemaker, Treasurer of McKean county, in account with the State, County, Dog and [illegible] Funds of said county for the year 1888.

COUNTY FUND.

Dr.		
To am't due county fund last auditors' report	$4,324 79	
To am't collected Treasurer by County Commissioners	1,475 00	
To am't seated county tax collected, acc't 1885, '86, '87 and '88	30,026 25	
To am't unseated county tax collected, acc't 1886 and '87	[illegible]	
To am't unseated county tax collected, acc't 1888	3,152 50	
To am't state tax collected, acc't 1886, '87 and '88	2,368 38	
To am't watch tax collected, 1885 and '86	17 00	
To am't jury fees received of W. B. Clarke, Sheriff	255 34	
To am't fines received of W. B. Clarke, Sheriff	600 00	
To am't commonwealth costs received of W. B. Clarke, Sheriff	1,361 07	
To am't transferred from dog fund	100 00	
To am't received acc't license granted	1,592 90	71,099 37
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	[illegible]	
By County Sch'l Sup't Inst. expenses	130 00	
By commission on $71,099 37 at 3 per cent.	2,132 98	
Balance due fund	15,512 86	71,099 37

DOG FUND.

Dr		
To am't due last auditors' report	1,372 00	
To am't dog tax collected, acc't 1886, '87 and '88	1,569 53	2,941 53
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	1,185 37	
By am't transferred to county fund	100 00	
By commission on $1,569 53 at 3 per cent.	[illegible]	
Balance due fund	[illegible]	2,941 53

REDEMPTION FUND.

Dr		
To am't due last auditors' report	1,698 04	
To am't received for redemptions	457 07	2,155 11
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	78 11	
Balance due fund	2,077 00	2,155 11

We, the Auditors of McKean county, having examined the accounts and vouchers of Jno. K. Shoemaker, Treasurer of said county, in account with the foregoing funds for the year 1888, do find them as above stated.

Witness our hands and seals at Smethport, this 15th day of February, 1889.

F. E. Foster, [seal]
J. O. Sonbergh, [seal] } Aud's.
A. Wicks. [seal]

Jno. K. Shoemaker, Treasurer of McKean county, in account with the funds of the McKean County Poor District for the year 1888.

POOR FUND

Dr		
To am't due last auditors' report	10,777 31	
To am't seated poor tax collected, acc't 1885, '86 and '88	2,381 93	
To am't unseated poor tax collected, acc't 1886	1,057 83	
To am't unseated poor tax collected, acc't 1888	1,063 30	
To am't sundry items from poor farm	800 31	14,879 31
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	[illegible]	
By commission on $7,282 [illegible] at 3 per cent	223 06	
Balance due fund	6,060 01	14,879 31

POOR BUILDING FUND.

Dr.		
To am't due last auditors' report	2,729 26	
To am't seated poor building tax collected, acc't 1885, '86, '87 and '88	3,394 45	
To am't rec'd of Jno. W. Anderson bal. contract	303 95	
To am't rec'd from L. Bayer on account of contract	2,000 00	
To am't rec'd from A. J. Bond balance contract	3,334 25	
To am't rec'd from A. Longfre acc't of purchase Barnes farm	37 00	
To am't rec'd from C. P. Erlandson in full for Wilcox property	609 10	
To am't rec'd from miscellaneous	84 00	
To am't unseated poor building tax collection, acc't 1886 and '87	10,515 94	
To am't unseated poor building tax collected, acc't 1888	8,185 38	31,077 29
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	6,313 05	
By bonds paid and cancelled	9,000 00	
By interest on poor bonds	[illegible]	
By commission on $28,348 03 at 3 per cent.	839 44	
Balance due fund	12,138 62	31,077 29

We, the Auditors of McKean county, having examined the accounts and vouchers of Jno. K. Shoemaker, Treasurer of said county, in account with the funds of the McKean County Poor District for the year 1888, do find them as above stated.

Witness our hands and seals at Smethport, this 15th day of February, 1889.

F. E. Foster, [seal]
J. O. Sonbergh, [seal] } Aud's.
A. Wicks. [seal]

Jno. K. Shoemaker, Treasurer of McKean county, in account with the Road, Special Road and Road Bond Funds of said county for the year 1888.

Annin Township—Road

Dr.		
To unseated tax collected, acc't 1886, '87 and '88	351 31	351 31
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled acc't 1886 and '87	200 00	
By commission on $351 31 at 3 per cent.	10 54	
Balance due fund	140 77	351 31

Bradford Township—Road.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, acc't 1886, '87 and '88	1,702 41	1,702 41
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled acct. 1886, '87 and '88	1,631 63	
By commission on $1,702 41 at 3 per cent.	51 07	
Balance due fund	19 71	1,702 41

Ceres Township—Road.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected acct. 1886, '87 and '88	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled acct. 1886 and '87	290 00	
By commission on $[illegible] at 3 per cent.	13 [illegible]	
Balance due fund	133 15	[illegible]

Corydon Township—Road

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, acct. 1886, '87 and '88	3,132 75	3,132 75
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled acct. 1886 and '87	[illegible]	
By commission on $3,132 75 @ 3 per cent	93 [illegible]	
Balance due fund	306 97	3,132 75

Eldred Township—Road.

Dr.		
To unseated taxes collected, 1886, '87 and '88	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled acct. 1886 and '87	[illegible]	
By commission on $[illegible] @ 3 per cent.	[illegible]	
Balance due fund	143 55	[illegible]

Foster Township—Road.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, acct. 1886, '87 and '88	943 03	943 03
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled acct. 1886 and '87	[illegible]	
By commission on $943 03 @ 3 per cent.	28 28	
Balance due fund	117 83	943 03

Hamlin Township—Road

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, acct. 1886, '87 and '88	3,092 98	3,092 98
Cr.		
By orders paid and cancelled acct. 1886 and '87	2,308 60	
By commission on $3,092 98 @ 3 per cent.	92 79	
Balance due fund	[illegible]	3,092 98

Hamilton Township—Road.

Dr.		
To unseated taxes collected, acct. 1886, '87 and '88	2,949 [illegible]	[illegible]
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled acct. 1886 and '87	2,273 90	
By commission on $2,949 [illegible] @ 3 per cent.	88 39	
Balance due fund	579 97	[illegible]

Keating Township—Road.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, acct. 1886, '87 and '88	9,398 23	9,398 13
Cr.		
By orders paid and cancelled acct. 1886, '87 and '88	7,944 24	
By commission on $9,398 13 @ 3 per cent.	281 [illegible]	
Balance due fund	[illegible]	9,398 13

Lafayette Township—Road.

Dr.		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1886, '87 and '88	5,307 96	5,307 96
Cr.		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1886, '87 and '88	[illegible]	
By commission on $5,307 96 at 3 per cent.	[illegible]	
Balance due fund	[illegible]	[illegible]

Liberty Township—Road.

Dr.		
To am't due last auditor's report	33 59	
To unseated taxes collected, account 1886, '87 and '88	3,099 77	3,133 77
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, accounts 1886, '87 and '88	2,375 30	
By commission on $3,099 77 at 3 per cent	92 99	
Balance due fund	[illegible]	3,133 77

Norwich Township—Road.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1886, '87 and '88	4,013 73	4,013 73
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1886, '87 and '88	3,130 00	
By commission on $4,013 73 at 3 per cent.	120 41	
Balance due fund	763 32	4,013 73

Otto Township—Road

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1886, '87 and '88	482 00	482 00
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, acc't 1884, '85, '86 and '87	423 50	
By commission on $482 00 at 3 per cent.	14 46	
Balance due fund	[illegible]	482 00

Sergeant Township—Road.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1886, '87 and '88	3,891 43	3,891 43
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1886 and '87	[illegible]	
By commission on $3,891 43 at 3 per cent	116 74	
Balance due fund	1,673 71	3,891 43

Wetmore Township—Road.

Dr		
To amount due last auditor's report	47 47	
To unseated taxes collected, account 1886, '87 and '88	2,656 85	2,704 32
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1884, '85, '86 and '87	2,522 47	
By commission on $2,656 85 at 3 per cent.	79 71	
Balance due fund	[illegible]	2,704 32

Annin Township—Special Road.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1886 and '87	319 22	319 22
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1886 and '87	[illegible]	
By commission on $319 22 at 3 per cent.	9 58	
Balance due fund	[illegible]	319 22

Ceres Township—Special Road.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1885	90	90
Cr		
By commission on $0.90	03	
Balance due fund	87	90

Foster Township—Special Road.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1886 and '88	350 60	350 60
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1886	330 00	
By commission on $350 60 at 3 per cent.	10 52	
Balance due fund	[illegible]	350 60

Eldred Township—Special Road.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1887	115 15	115 15
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1887	100 00	
By commission on $115 15 at 3 per cent.	3 45	
Balance due fund	11 70	115 15

Hamlin Township—Special Road.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1888	238 79	238 79
Cr		
By commission on $238 79 at 3 per cent.	7 16	
Balance due fund	231 63	238 79

Hamilton Township—Special Road

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1888	319 15	319 15
Cr		
By commission on $319 15 at 3 per cent.	9 57	
Balance due fund	309 58	319 15

Otto Township—Special Road

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1886 and '88	122 18	122 18
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1886	87 70	
By commission on $122 18 at 3 per cent	3 67	
Balance due fund	30 77	122 18

Wetmore Township—Special Road.

Dr		
To amount due last auditor's report	72 84	72 84
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	72 84	72 84

Hamlin Township—Road Bond.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1887	608 40	608 40
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1887	590 15	
By commission on $608 40 at 3 per cent.	18 25	608 40

Keating Township—Road Bond.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1886 and '87	2,210 36	2,210 36
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1886 and '87	1,850 00	
By commission on $2,210 36 at 3 per cent.	66 31	
Balance due fund	294 05	2,210 36

Lafayette Township—Road Bond.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1887	1,439 08	1,439 08
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1887	1,360 00	
By commission on $1,439 08 at 3 per cent.	43 17	
Balance due fund	35 91	1,439 08

Norwich Township—Road Bond.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1887	506 43	506 43
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1887	440 00	
By commission on $506 43 at 3 per cent.	15 17	
Balance due fund	[illegible]	506 43

Jno. K. Shoemaker, Treasurer of McKean county, in account with the School, School Building and School Bond Funds for the year 1888.

Annin Township—S. and B.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1887 and '88	882 30	
To unseated school taxes collected, account 1888	208 71	1,091 01
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1887 and '88	800 00	
By commission on $1,091 01 @ 3 per cent.	32 73	
Balance due fund	258 28	1,091 01

Bradford Township—S. and B.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1887, '88 and '89	2,563 33	2,563 33
Cr		
By commission on $2,563 33 @ 3 per cent.	76 90	
Balance due fund	2,486 43	2,563 33

Ceres Township—S. and B.

Dr.		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1887, '88 and '89	680 45	680 45
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1887 and '88	475 00	
By commission on $680 45 @ 3 per cent.	20 39	
Balance due fund	[illegible]	680 45

Corydon Township—S. and B.

Dr.		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1887, '88 and '89	6,343 36	6,343 36
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1887 and '88	5,363 45	
By commission on $6,343 36 @ 3 per cent.	190 30	
Balance due fund	[illegible]	6,343 36

Duke Centre Borough—S. and B.

Dr		
To seated taxes collected, account 1887	35	35
Cr		
By balance due fund	35	35

Eldred Township—S. and B.

Dr.		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1887, '88 and '89	385 45	385 45
Cr.		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1887 and '88	[illegible]	
By commission on $385 45 @ 3 per cent.	11 56	
Balance due fund	[illegible]	385 45

Foster Township—S. and B.

Dr.		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1887, '88 and '89	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cr.		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1887 and '88	[illegible]	
By commission on $[illegible] @ 3 per cent.	[illegible]	
Balance due fund	[illegible]	[illegible]

Hamlin Township—S. and B.

Dr.		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1887, '88 and '89	3,381 74	3,381 74
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1887 and '88	[illegible]	
By commission on $3,381 74 @ 3 per cent.	101 45	
Balance due fund	[illegible]	3,381 74

Hamilton Township—S. and B.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1887, '88 and '89	3,301 32	3,301 32
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1887 and '88	1,800 00	
By commission on $3,301 32 @ 3 per cent.	99 05	
Balance due fund	1,402 47	3,301 32

Keating Township—S. and B.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1887, '88 and '89	9,147 00	9,147 00
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1887 and '88	5,979 41	
By commission on $9,147 00 @ 3 per cent.	274 41	
Balance due fund	2,892 15	9,147 00

Lafayette Township—S. and B.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1887, '88 and '89	3,407 29	3,407 29
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1887 and '88	1,000 00	
By commission on $3,407 29 @ 3 per cent.	102 22	
Balance due fund	2,305 07	3,407 29

Liberty Township—S. and B.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1887 and '88	2,020 [illegible]	
To unseated school taxes collected, account 1889	653 78	2,674 42
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1887 and '88	1,850 60	
By commission on $2,674 42 @ 3 per cent.	80 23	
Balance due fund	743 59	2,674 42

Norwich Township—S. and B.

Dr.		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1887 and '88	3,027 71	
To unseated school taxes collected, account 1889	644 09	3,671 80
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1887 and '88	3,000 00	
By commission on $3,671 80 @ 3 per cent.	110 15	
Balance due fund	561 65	3,671 80

Otto Township—S. and B.

Dr		
To amount due last auditors' report	[illegible]	
To unseated taxes collected, account 1887, '88 and '89	[illegible]	741 09
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1887 and '88	410 00	
By commission on $737 [illegible] @ 3 per cent.	22 [illegible]	
Balance due fund	[illegible] 87	741 09

Sergeant Township—S. and B.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1887 and '88	2,054 11	
To unseated school taxes collected, account 1889	324 81	2,378 92
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1887 and '88	[illegible]	
By commission on $2,378 92 @ 3 per cent.	[illegible]	
Balance due fund	[illegible]	2,378 92

Smethport Borough—S. and B.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1887 and '88	310 04	
To unseated school taxes collected, account 1889	112 13	422 17
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1887 and '88	[illegible]	
By commission on $422 17 at 3 per cent.	12 67	
Balance due fund	147 33	422 17

Wetmore Township—S. and B.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1887, '88 and '89	3,383 23	3,383 23
Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled, account 1887 and '88	2,190 00	
By commission on $3,383 23 @ 3 per cent.	[illegible]	
Balance due fund	[illegible]	3,383 23

Smethport Borough—School Bond.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1888 and '89	33 73	33 73
Cr		
By order paid and cancelled, account 1884	30 07	
By commission on $33 73 at 3 per cent.	1 01	
Balance due fund	2 65	33 73

Keating Township—School Bond.

Dr		
To unseated taxes collected, account 1888	1,034 23	1,034 23
Cr		
By commission on $1,034 23 at 3 per cent.	31 [illegible]	
Balance due fund	[illegible]	1,034 23

Jno. K. Shoemaker, Treasurer of McKean county, in account with the Poor Funds for the year 1888.

Duke Centre Borough

Dr		
To amount due last auditors' report	21 83	21 83
Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	21 83	21 83

Hamilton Township.

Dr		
To amount due last auditors' report	51 23	51 23
Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	51 23	51 23

Port Allegany Borough.

Dr		
To amount due last auditors' report	4 13	4 13
Cr		
Balance due fund	4 13	4 13

RECAPITULATION

To bal. due county fund	15,512 86	
" " " dog fund	[illegible]	
" " " redemption fund	2,077 00	
" " " poor fund	6,060 01	
" " " poor build'g fund	12,138 62	
" " " Annin Road acct.	140 77	
" " " Bradford Road ac.	19 71	
" " " Ceres " "	133 15	
" " " Corydon " "	306 97	
" " " Eldred " "	143 55	
" " " Foster " "	117 83	
" " " Hamlin " "	334 73	
" " " Hamilton " "	579 97	
" " " Keating " "	605 15	
" " " Lafayette " "	1,172 03	
" " " Liberty " "	748 36	
" " " Norwich " "	734 32	
" " " Otto " "	42 75	
" " " Sergeant " "	1,673 71	
" " " Wetmore " "	205 14	
" " " Annin special road account	[illegible]	
To bal. due Ceres special road account	87	
To bal. due Foster special road account	10 12	
To bal. due Eldred special road account	11 70	
To bal. due Hamilton special road account	309 58	
To bal. due Hamlin special road account	231 63	
To bal. due Otto special road account	30 77	
To bal. due Keating road bond account	294 05	
To bal. due Lafayette road bond account	35 91	
To bal. due Norwich road bond account	[illegible]	
To bal. due Annin school and building account	[illegible]	
To bal. due Bradford school and building account	2,486 43	
To bal. due Ceres school and building account	130 57	
To bal. due Corydon school and building account	772 40	
To bal. due Duke Centre school and building account	35	
To bal. due Eldred school and building account	175 73	
To bal. due Foster school and building account	1,357 23	
To bal. due Hamlin school and building account	362 20	
To bal. due Hamilton school and building account	1,402 47	
To bal. due Keating school and building account	2,892 15	
To bal. due Lafayette school and building account	2,305 03	
To bal. due Liberty school and building account	[illegible]	
To bal. due Norwich school and building account	561 65	
To bal. due Otto school and building account	231 37	
To bal. due Sergeant school and building account	305 30	
To bal. due Smethport school and building account	147 33	
To bal. due Wetmore school and building account	1,081 23	
To bal. due Keating school bond account	[illegible]	
To bal. due Smethport school bond account	[illegible]	
To bal. due Port Allegany borough taxes	4 13	61,2[illegible]

We, the Auditors of McKean county, having examined the accounts and vouchers of Jno. K. Shoemaker, Treasurer of McKean county, in account with the several funds of said county, do find them as above stated.

Witness our hands and seals at Smethport, this 15th day of February, 1889.

F. E. Foster, [seal]
J. O. Sonbergh, [seal] } Aud's.
A. Wicks. [seal]

W. B. Clarke, Sheriff of McKean county, in account with said county for the year 1888.

Cr.		
By boarding prisoners 360 weeks, 3 days, @ $4 25	[illegible]	
By taking prisoners to Western penitentiary	421 80	
By election proclamation	1 50	
By commission on $400 00 @ 3 per cent.	12 00	
By drawing and summoning jurors for 1888	393 00	
By fines paid Treasurer	600 00	
By jury fees paid Treasurer	255 34	
By commonwealth costs paid Treasurer	1,422 97	5,618 65
Dr.		
To orders drawn on account	2,483 60	
" Jury fees collected	255 34	
" Fines collected	600 00	
" Commonwealth costs collected	1,422 97	
Balance due W. B. Clarke	879 34	5,618 65

We, the Auditors of McKean county, having examined the accounts and vouchers of W. B. Clarke, Sheriff of McKean county, in account with said county for the year 1888, find them as above stated.

Witness our hands and seals at Smethport, this 15th day of February, 1889.

J. O. Sonbergh, [seal]
A. Wicks, [seal] } Aud's.
F. E. Foster. [seal]

S. D. Heffner, Coroner of McKean county, in account with said county for the year 1888.

Cr.

By services and expenses of holding inquisitions on the following named persons

Mrs. Harry Allabouse	3 75	
Emmitt McDonald	12 87	
Mary A. Simons	5 [illegible]	
James Titus	24 12	
Eph. Harley } Everett Dunn }	50 86	
W. F. Curtis	14 83	
Wm. Hoamer	14 37	
J. A. Hapes	7 12	
Geo. W. Beck	14 13	
Joseph Ford	14 37	
Catherine Thomas	14 62	
Mrs. S. J. Bidwell		180 34
Dr		
To orders drawn on account	180 34	180 34

W. T. McCarthy, late Coroner of McKean county, in account with said county during the year 1888.

By services and expenses of holding inquisitions on the following named persons

Cr		
Chas. Smith	7 37	
Mrs. J. W. Blackman	17 87	
H. D. Cram	14 33	39 57
Dr		
To orders drawn on account	39 57	39 57

We, the Auditors of McKean county, having examined the accounts and vouchers of W. T. McCarthy, late Coroner and S. D. Heffner, Coroner of said county, in account with said county for the year 1888, do find them as above stated.

Witness our hands and seals at Smethport, this 15th day of February, 1889.

J. O. Sonbergh, [seal]
A. Wicks, [seal] } Aud's.
F. E. Foster. [seal]

James Anglun, P. M. Fuller and Jas. A. McKean, Commissioners, and R. A. Rice, W. D. Gallup and A. Reilly, ex-Commissioners of McKean county, in account with said county for the year 1888.

James Anglun.

Cr		
By 200 days services as Commissioner @ $3 00	600 00	
By traveling expenses, &c.	105 00	
Balance due County	130 00	835 00
Dr		
To orders drawn on account	595 00	
Amount overpaid on Bridge account	240 00	835 00

P. M. Fuller

Cr		
By 213 days service as Commissioner @ $3 00	639 00	
By traveling expenses, &c.	31 20	
Balance due County	224 30	894 50
Dr		
To orders drawn on account	654 50	
Amount overpaid on Bridge account	240 00	894 50

Jas. A. McKean

Cr		
By 200 days' services as Commissioner @ $3 00	600 00	
By traveling expenses	5 00	
Balance due County	155 00	760 00
Dr		
To orders drawn on account	520 00	
Amount overpaid on Bridge account	240 00	760 00

R. A. Rice

Dr		
To amount due last auditors' report	100 00	100 00
Cr		
By order drawn	100 00	100 00

W. D. Gallup.

Dr		
To amount due last auditors' report	257 50	257 50
Cr		
By order drawn	257 50	257 50

A. Reilly

Dr		
To amount due last auditors' report	3 75	3 75
Cr		
By order drawn	3 75	3 75

We, the Auditors of McKean county, having examined the accounts and vouchers of James Anglun, P. M. Fuller and Jas. A. McKean, Commissioners, and R. A. Rice, W. D. Gallup and A. Reilly, ex-Commissioners of the county of McKean in account with McKean county for the year 1888, do find them as above stated.

Witness our hands and seals at Smethport, this 15th day of February, 1889.

J. O. Sonbergh, [seal]
A. Wicks, [seal] } Aud's.
F. E. Foster. [seal]

[Since the foregoing report was completed the sum of $240.00 has been refunded on account Benton Mill bridge, as per report of Viewers and decision of the Court. The above sum has been paid to the County Treasurer and is charged to him and will be accounted for in Auditors' Report of 1889.

Frank E. Foster, [seal]
Jno. O. Sonbergh, [seal] } Aud's.
A. Wicks. [seal]

James Anglun, P. M. Fuller and Jas. A. McKean, Commissioners, and R. A. Rice, W. D. Gallup and A. Reilly, ex-Commissioners of McKean county in account with the McKean County Poor District for the year 1888.

James Anglun

Cr		
By 95 days' services as Commissioner @ $3 00	285 00	
By traveling expenses, &c.	38 00	323 00
Dr		
To orders drawn on account	308 00	
Balance due James Anglun	15 00	323 00

P. M. Fuller

Cr		
By 75 days' services as Commissioner @ $3 00	225 00	225 00
Dr		
To orders drawn on account	155 00	
Balance due P. M. Fuller	70 00	225 00

Jas. A. McKean.

Cr		
By 80 days' services as Commissioner @ $3 00	240 00	
By traveling expenses	5 00	245 00
Dr		
To orders drawn on account	200 00	
Balance due Jas. A. McKean	45 00	245 00

R. A. Rice.

Dr		
To amount due last auditors' report	94 71	94 71
Cr		
By order drawn	94 71	94 71

W. D. Gallup.

Dr		
To amount due last auditors' report	56 50	56 50
Cr		
By order drawn	56 50	56 50

A. Reilly

Dr		
To amount due last auditors' report	55 50	55 50
Cr		
By order drawn	55 50	55 50

We, the Auditors of McKean county, having examined the accounts and vouchers of James Anglun, P. M. Fuller and Jas. A. McKean, Commissioners, and R. A. Rice, W. D. Gallup and A. Reilly, ex-Commissioners of McKean County Poor District for the year 1888, do find them as above stated.

Witness our hands and seals at Smethport, this 15th day of February, 1889.

F. E. Foster, [seal]
A. Wicks, [seal] } Aud's.
J. O. Sonbergh, [seal]

COMMISSIONERS' STATEMENT

Showing the Receipts and Expenditures of McKean County for the Year Ending December 31, '88.

RECEIPTS.

To amount due county fund last auditors' report	4,614 [illegible]	
To amount charged Treasurer by County Commissioners	1,613 25	
To amount seated county tax collected, account 1885, '86, '87 and '88	29,603 55	
To amount unseated county tax collected, account 1886 and '87	21,023 20	
To amount unseated county tax collected account 1888	3,402 50	
To amount state tax collected, account 1886, '87 and '88	2,361 [illegible]	
To amount watch tax collected, account 1885 and '86	17 00	
To amount jury fees received of W. B. Clarke, Sheriff	255 34	
To amount fines received of W. B. Clarke, Sheriff	600 00	
To amount commonwealth costs received of W. B. Clarke, Sheriff	1,422 97	
To amount transferred from dog fund	100 00	
To amount received account licenses granted	1,622 50	
	[illegible] 57	

EXPENDITURES.

Paid County School Supt. Institute expenses	130 00	
Paid County Treasurer commissions	2,180 30	
" Western State Penitentiary	1,508 70	
" L. H. Rose Com'rs' counsel	200 00	
" Warren State Hospital	47 25	
" Penn'a Reform School	231 62	
" Smethport Water Co	103 80	
" County Auditors	285 31	
" Grand Jurors	[illegible]	
" ice house expense	3 00	
" A. P. Bannon, balance of 1887	1,230 30	
" State taxes on account	587 80	
" Constable returns	47 72	
" court house square	82 23	
" taxes refunded	[illegible]	
" Ind'gent soldier expense	[illegible]	
" W. D. Gallup, balance of 1887	[illegible]	
" R. A. Rice, " "	[illegible]	
" A. Reilly, " "	[illegible]	
" bounty on obnoxious animals	[illegible]	
" Jury Commissioners and clerk	[illegible]	
" court house janitor	[illegible]	
" Traverse Jurors	[illegible]	
" books and stationery	[illegible]	
" surveying state boundaries	[illegible]	
" James Anglun on account	[illegible]	
" P. M. Fuller " "	[illegible]	
" Jas. A. McKean " "	[illegible]	
" Commissioners' Clerk and Attorney	2,460 00	
Paid Assessors on assessments	3,904 60	
" commonwealth costs	4,259 89	
" road views and damages	600 56	
" printing and publishing	2,097 15	
" Justice fees and discharged transcripts	615 61	
Paid Smethport Gas Co	1,394 80	
" Court Crier and Tipstaves	180 50	
" miscellaneous accounts	[illegible]	
" W. B. Clarke on account	2,450 60	
" election expenses	2,363 62	
" jail expenses	33 94	
" express, telegrams and postage	63 31	
" court stenographer	506 69	
" Coroners and Justice inquests	219 71	
" military enrollment expense	40 63	
" Assessors on registry	1,179 00	
" bridge views and expenses	14,419 83	
" court house expense	4,202 25	
	60,076 51	
Balance in treasury	15,512 86	
	75,589 37	

STATEMENT, showing Assets and Liabilities of McKean County for the year ending December 31 1888

ASSETS

Am't due from M. M. Bowen Collector Foster township for 1886,		61 60
" B. L. Knapp Smethport Boro.,		19 73
" Thos. Osborne, 1st w'd Bradford city	1887	62 37
" N. J. Stanton, 2d ward, Bradford city		703 53
" Same 3d ward Bradford city		520 28
" Same 4th ward, Bradford city		530 10
" J. L. Ferguson Col., Duke Centre Boro.,		81 00
" M. M. Bowen, col., Foster township		287 01
" Chas. Paulson col., Hamlin township,		94 60
" John Calhoun, col., Kendall boro.		70 04
" S. B. Agnew, col., Otto township,		7 21
" M. T. Shurtz, col., Port Allegany boro.		51 80
" L. J. Phenix, col., Annin township,	1888	401 80
" J. L. Morris, col., Bradford township,		647.63
" Thos. Osborn, col., 1 ward Bradford c.,		1845 33
" T. C. Flanigan, col., 2 ward Bradford c.,		1185 70
" Otto Gash, col., 3 ward Bradford c.,		660 02
" Otto Gash, col., 4 ward Bradford c.,		525 26
" N. J. Stanton, col., 5 ward Bradford c.,		394 43
" H. E. Roberts, col., Ceres township,		430 93
" G. E. Fredenburg, col., Corydon township,		172 50
" C. C. Amalong, col., Duke Centre boro.,		165 03
" W. H. Colegrove, col., Eldred boro.,		298 59
" Wm. Broeder, col., Eldred township,		688 16
" E. H. Stoever, col., Foster township		[illegible]
" Bengt Lundberg, col., Hamlin township,		29 27
" J. G. Curtis, col., Hamilton town'p,		398 02
" D. B. Matthews, col., Kane borough		308 73
" Thos. Hussey, col., Keating township,		193 12
" T. T. Mapes, col., Kendall borough,		558 25
" James Hoop, col., Lafayette town'p,		297 63
" John Acre, col., Liberty township,		338 38
" Jonathan Colegrove, col., Norwich township,		152 09
" T. H. Lawry, col., Otto township		1775 53
" W. R. Fulmer, col., Pt. Allegany boro.,		645 32
" Jno. O. Sonbergh, col., Sergeant township,		221 60
" D. H. Quinlisk, col., Smethport boro.,		174 10
" Wm. Wilkins, col., Wetmore township,		417 61
County funds in Treasury,		15512 86
Amount due from James Anglun Com'r		230 00
" P. M. Fuller,		224 30
" Jas. A. McKean		185 00
		$33741 46

LIABILITIES.

To W. B. Clarke, Sheriff bal. of 1888,	879 34	
To Commonwealth costs and sundry items estimated,	500 00	
To State Taxes Estimated,	[illegible]	
To Western Penitentiary	2063 08	
To Assets in excess of liabilities.	28294 03	$33741 46

Amounts due from collectors are subject to rebate, commissions and exonerations.

We the undersigned Commissioners of McKean county do hereby certify that the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Expenditures and Assets and Liabilities are correct and true.

JAMES ANGLUN,
P. M. FULLER, } Commissioners.
JAS. A. McKEAN,
Attest M. B. Green, Clerk.
Smethport, February 18, 1889.

RECEIPTS

To amount due Poor Fund last Auditors' Report,	10,777 31
To amount due Poor Building Fund last Auditors' Report,	2729 26
To amount seated poor tax collected account 1885, 1886 and 1888,	2381 93
To amount seated poor building tax collected account 1885, '86, '87 '88,	3394 45
To amount unseated poor tax collected account of 1886 and 1888,	6080 53
To amount unseated poor building tax collected account 1886, 1887 1888,	18503 22
To amount Sundry Items from poor farm,	800 31
To amount received J. W. Anderson bal. contract	303 95
To amount received from L. Bayer on account contract,	2000 00
To amount received from A. J. Bond, bal. contract	3334 25
To amount received from A. Longfre on account purchase Barnes farm,	37 00
To amount received from C. P. Erlandson in full purchase Wilcox prop'y,	609 10
To amount received from Miscellaneous,	114 00
	$49680 60

EXPENDITURES.

Bonds paid and cancelled	9000 00
Paid Interest on Poor Bonds	287 00
Paid County Treasurer Commissions	1085 40
Paid A Reilly Bal 1887	56 50
Paid Farming Implements ect.,	[illegible]
Paid Live Stock	1055 64
Paid Feed,	234 01
Paid Books & Stationery,	2 00
Paid Fertilizers,	105 10
Paid Seeds,	63 99
Paid Blacksmithing,	70 48
Paid Express Telegrams and Postage,	41 39
Paid Printing Publishing,	70 00
Paid Telephone Expense	1 00
" Commissioner's Clerk	60 00
" Plumbing account,	165 08
" Insurance,	94 50
" J. R. Chadwick Supt.,	740 60
Clothing,	278 85
" Penn'a State Lunatic Hospital,	104 09
Warren State Hospital for Insane	1048 75
" W. D. Gallup, Bal 1887	56 50
" R. A. Rice,	94 71
" Fuel	183 74
" Hardware,	157 50
" Funeral Expenses	114 00
" Justice fees,	64 50
" Lumber,	75 63
" County Auditors	95 32
" Labor—on Poor Buildings.	124 63
" Labor—in Poor Buildings	210 00
Miscellaneous.	271 01
" Provisions & Groceries	785 08
" Buying Wilcox Judgments and Taxes	883 09
" Pauper Expense—Outside Relief Including Physicians & Medicine	3420 70
" Labor—on farm,	594 10
" Jas. Anglun on account	303 60
" P. M. Fuller " "	155 00
" Jas. A. McKean on account	200 90
" Furniture,	27 75
" Trees, etc., for farm	109 40
" New Barn	2653 06
	31833 77
Poor Fund in Treasury,	6060 01
Poor Building Fund "	[illegible]
	$49680 60

STATEMENT, showing Assets and Liabilities of McKean County Poor District for the year ending December 31, 1888.

ASSETS.

	Poor Tax.	Build'g Tax.
Am't due from F. K. Welsh, Col. Foster tp., 1885,	[illegible]	175 50
Am't due from J. L. Furgesen, Collector Duke Centre Borough, 1885,	6 23	9 23
Am't due from M. M. Bowen, Collector Foster tp., 1886,	20 20	29 20
Am't due from B. L. Knapp, Collector Smethport Borough, 1886,	9 26	9 26
Am't due from J. L. Furgesen Col., Duke Centre borough, 1887		70 00
Am't due from M. M. Bowen, Col., Foster tp., 1887,		160 87
Am't due from Chas. Paulson, col., Hamlin tp., 1887,		85 80
Am't due from Jno. Calhoun, Col., Kendall boro., 1887,		72 94
Am't due from S. B. Agnew, Col., Otto township, 1887,		315 57
Am't due from M. T. Shurtz, Col., Pt. Allegany boro., '87		79 90
Am't due from L. J. Phenix, Col., Annin tp., 1888,	65 00	156 05
Am't due from J. L. Morris, Col., Bradford tp., 1888,	80 86	246 76
Am't due from H. E. Roberts, col., Ceres tp., 1888,	54 83	164 12
Am't due from G. E. Fredenburg, Col., Corydon tp., 1888,	30 40	50 37
Am't due from C. C. Amalong, collector Duke Centre borough, 1888,	37 85	57 80
Am't due from W. H. Colegrove, collector Eldred borough, 1888,	30 05	77 07
Am't due from Wm. Broeder, Col., Eldred tp., 1888,	85 27	253 40
Am't due from E. H. Stoever Col., Foster tp., 1888,	203 23	583 00
Am't due from Bengt Landberg, Col., Hamlin tp., '88	9 61	30 83
Am't due from J. G. Curtis, Col., Hamilton tp., 1888	40 57	130 61
Am't due from D. B. Matthews, Col., Kane boro., '88,	33 60	115 35
Am't due from Thos. Hussey, Col., Keating tp., '88,	31 13	107 54
Am't due from T. T. Mapes, Col., Kendall boro., 1888,	82 46	217 01
Am't due from James Hoop, Col., Lafayette tp., 1888,	43 07	137 91
Am't due from John Acre, Collector, Liberty tp., 1888,	48 10	146 47
Am't due from J. Colegrove, Collector, Norwich tp., '88,	25 26	66 95
Am't due from T. H. Lawry, Collector, Otto tp., 1888,	100 93	327 18
Am't due from W. R. Fulmer, Collector Port Allegany borough, 1888,	80 60	307 33
Am't due from John O. Sonbergh, Collector, Sergeant township, 1888,	34 70	103 98
Am't due from D. H. Quinlisk, col., Smethport boro., 1888,	22 21	65 74
Am't due from Wm. Wilkins col., Wetmore tp., '88,	103 55	373 22
	1439 71	4823 29
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		6263 00
Am't due from L. Bayer on contract,	2000 00	
Am't due from A. Longfre on purchase,	963 00	
Am't due from Brick on hands,	81 00	
Poor funds in Treasury	6060 01	
Poor Building funds in Treasury,	[illegible]	
Estimated value of Wilcox property in Sergeant and Foster townships,	2000 00	
Liabilities in excess of Assets,	$20785 17	$50130 00

LIABILITIES

Poor Bonds outstanding	$50,000 00	
Balance due James Anglun, Commissioner,	15 00	
Balance due P. M. Fuller Commissioner	70 00	
Balance due Jas. A. McKean, Commissioner,	45 00	$50,130 00

Amounts due from Collectors are subject to rebate commissions and exonerations.

We, the undersigned, Commissioners of McKean County Poor District do hereby certify that the foregoing statement of Receipts and Expenditures and Assets and Liabilities are correct and true.

JAMES ANGLUN,
P. M. FULLER, } Commissioners
JAS. A. McKEAN,
Attest, M. B. Green, Clerk,
Smethport February 18, 1889

Report of Superintendent of County House for the Year Ending December 31, 1888.

INMATES, DECEMBER 31.

Adults, male	24	
do females	5	29
Children, male	5	
do female	1	6
Total		35
Foreigners	11	
Natives	24	35
Total		35

Board per year, 1779 weeks, 3 days

PRODUCE AND STOCK RAISED ON FARM DURING THE YEAR.

Spring Wheat	24 bushels
Spring Rye	14 do
Millet	24 do
Corn (ears)	325 do
Oats	550 do
Turnips	230 do
Potatoes	900 do
Onions	12 do
Buckwheat	91 do
Beets	120 do
Carrots	200 do
Peas	10 do
Beans	10 do
Peas	5 do
Parsnips	15 do
Cabbage	300 heads
Cider	4 barrels
Pork	2000 pounds
Sheats	7
Calves	6
Miscellaneous garden truck	
Hay	75 tons

SOLD DURING YEAR.

stock, hay, &c | $283 36

STOCK ON FARM

3 mares, 1 bull, 14 cows, 4 yearling heifers, 1 yearling steer, 6 calves, 1 boar, 3 breeding sows, 3 shoats, 6 sheep.

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